

Table 9 shows the average prices of items included in the family budget in 1920 and in each of the years from 1923-32. These numbers are weighted by the quantities used by the Department of Labour in computing their monthly family budget. Table 10 gives the group indexes by provinces. An examination of the tables reveals the course of the budget, consisting of food, fuel and lighting, and rent, over the period shown.

9.—Prices of a Family Budget of Staple Foods, Fuel and Lighting, and Rent, for Sixty Cities in Canada, 1920, 1923-32.

Commodity.	Unit.	1920.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Staple Foods—												
Beef, sirloin steak...	1 lb.	0.389	0.283	0.280	0.285	0.294	0.308	0.345	0.363	0.356	0.286	0.206
Beef, chuck roast...	1 "	0.251	0.152	0.148	0.152	0.160	0.172	0.206	0.227	0.221	0.158	0.109
Veal, roast...	1 "	0.274	0.182	0.179	0.182	0.193	0.203	0.226	0.245	0.239	0.183	0.122
Mutton, roast...	1 "	0.354	0.277	0.278	0.283	0.298	0.291	0.300	0.309	0.302	0.253	0.169
Pork, fresh, roast...	1 "	0.397	0.264	0.240	0.275	0.302	0.282	0.273	0.300	0.298	0.223	0.129
Pork, salt mess...	1 "	0.362	0.252	0.231	0.254	0.278	0.265	0.261	0.273	0.271	0.226	0.142
Bacon, breakfast...	1 "	0.559	0.394	0.337	0.385	0.431	0.392	0.379	0.393	0.399	0.301	0.186
Lard, pure leaf...	1 "	0.380	0.231	0.220	0.242	0.246	0.221	0.221	0.219	0.212	0.157	0.130
Eggs, fresh...	1 doz.	0.709	0.442	0.439	0.486	0.466	0.487	0.478	0.475	0.457	0.337	0.454
Eggs, storage...	1 "	0.608	0.370	0.368	0.417	0.398	0.424	0.412	0.403	0.394	0.271	0.321
Milk...	1 qt.	0.151	0.117	0.121	0.119	0.118	0.119	0.121	0.123	0.123	0.111	0.095
Butter, dairy...	1 lb.	0.831	0.396	0.387	0.389	0.406	0.415	0.417	0.428	0.368	0.272	0.226
Butter, creamery...	1 "	0.696	0.451	0.435	0.439	0.448	0.463	0.461	0.470	0.406	0.300	0.259
Cheese, old...	1 "	0.406	0.326	0.301	0.312	0.318	0.310	0.329	0.334	0.318	0.251	0.198
Cheese, new...	1 "	0.383	0.326	0.301	0.312	0.318	0.310	0.329	0.334	0.318	0.251	0.198
Bread, plain white...	1 "	0.093	0.067	0.069	0.078	0.076	0.077	0.077	0.078	0.075	0.062	0.056
Flour, family...	1 "	0.079	0.044	0.045	0.057	0.053	0.053	0.052	0.051	0.047	0.033	0.027
Rolls, oats...	1 "	0.084	0.055	0.056	0.061	0.058	0.061	0.063	0.064	0.061	0.050	0.046
Rice, good medium...	1 "	0.164	0.104	0.105	0.109	0.110	0.108	0.105	0.104	0.101	0.092	0.082
Beans, hand-picked...	1 "	0.117	0.087	0.084	0.083	0.079	0.081	0.083	0.115	0.094	0.061	0.040
Apples, evaporated...	1 "	0.286	0.200	0.194	0.204	0.200	0.194	0.210	0.218	0.206	0.178	0.152
Prunes, medium...	1 "	0.270	0.185	0.160	0.156	0.158	0.148	0.135	0.141	0.155	0.121	0.106
Sugar, granulated...	1 "	0.197	0.117	0.109	0.085	0.079	0.082	0.079	0.073	0.069	0.062	0.058
Sugar, yellow...	1 "	0.185	0.112	0.104	0.081	0.075	0.079	0.075	0.069	0.065	0.060	0.056
Tea, black...	1 "	0.644	0.656	0.700	0.714	0.719	0.716	0.713	0.704	0.628	0.552	0.440
Tea, green...	1 "	0.672	0.656	0.700	0.714	0.719	0.716	0.713	0.704	0.628	0.552	0.440
Coffee...	1 "	0.608	0.539	0.550	0.604	0.612	0.612	0.607	0.604	0.572	0.492	0.412
Potatoes...	1 pk.	0.658	0.252	0.270	0.276	0.435	0.317	0.258	0.291	0.355	0.172	0.146
Vinegar, white wine...	1 pt.	0.080	0.075	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.072
All Foods, Weekly Budget												
	\$	15.99	10.52	10.31	10.81	11.21	11.00	11.04	11.34	10.96	8.49	7.04
Starch, laundry...	1 lb.	0.144	0.122	0.122	0.124	0.124	0.123	0.123	0.123	0.123	0.120	0.117
Fuel and Lighting—												
Coal, anthracite...	1 ton	17.04	17.989	17.052	16.833	17.392	16.465	16.272	16.192	16.112	16.064	15.344
Coal, bituminous...	1 "	12.38	11.555	10.707	10.249	10.311	10.213	10.113	10.080	10.064	9.840	9.408
Wood, hard, best...	1 cord	13.09	12.764	12.485	12.280	12.195	12.128	12.077	12.268	12.176	11.696	10.256
Wood, soft...	1 "	10.14	9.512	9.209	8.979	8.947	8.950	8.937	8.800	8.672	8.560	7.880
Coal oil...	1 gal.	0.365	0.307	0.306	0.304	0.308	0.314	0.311	0.311	0.309	0.291	0.273
Rent, 1 month...	\$	24.80	27.86	27.79	27.54	27.43	27.43	27.67	27.92	28.16	27.80	28.96
Grand Totals, Weekly Budget												
	\$	25.81	21.07	20.69	21.06	21.47	21.20	21.27	21.61	21.29	18.66	16.81

*Totals for "all foods" and "grand totals" are based upon the estimated weekly family consumption of the commodities specified in the table.