

10.—Index Numbers of a Family Budget of Staple Foods, Fuel and Lighting, and Rent in Canada, by Provinces, 1926-35.

(Dominion Average for 1913=100.)

STAPLE FOODS.

Province.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935. ¹
Prince Edward Island.....	142.3	136.8	134.3	139.1	140.4	115.4	95.4	94.9	100.0	100.2
Nova Scotia.....	154.8	148.6	149.3	153.5	151.6	121.7	102.9	99.5	106.6	107.0
New Brunswick.....	155.9	150.1	149.0	151.4	149.1	119.9	102.1	99.9	105.6	107.5
Quebec.....	144.9	139.4	139.2	142.8	138.8	107.4	89.4	87.9	95.4	96.4
Ontario.....	154.2	150.8	151.0	153.8	148.7	114.5	95.7	95.5	104.1	105.4
Manitoba.....	142.2	141.6	145.6	151.2	144.5	108.8	93.0	92.1	97.0	101.7
Saskatchewan.....	148.6	150.7	152.3	158.3	149.1	110.4	93.4	92.4	99.5	101.4
Alberta.....	147.5	148.4	151.1	158.9	150.9	111.8	93.0	92.1	99.4	102.5
British Columbia.....	163.1	163.2	164.6	170.4	164.5	129.6	106.9	106.0	112.7	115.9

FUEL AND LIGHTING.

Prince Edward Island.....	167.0	162.8	152.4	154.5	153.9	152.9	150.8	138.7	142.9	139.8
Nova Scotia.....	155.5	150.8	152.4	151.8	150.3	149.2	139.3	131.4	133.0	130.4
New Brunswick.....	168.1	164.4	161.8	160.2	160.7	156.0	147.6	140.3	139.3	139.8
Quebec.....	177.5	175.4	174.9	174.9	173.3	167.0	157.1	149.2	149.7	148.7
Ontario.....	182.2	179.1	177.0	177.0	175.9	173.3	164.9	156.5	155.5	155.5
Manitoba.....	184.8	183.2	184.8	189.5	190.1	181.7	159.2	153.9	157.6	158.1
Saskatchewan.....	181.2	182.7	183.3	181.2	174.9	160.7	112.6	102.6	102.1	103.7
Alberta.....	126.2	122.0	108.4	100.5	100.5	97.4	94.2	90.6	87.4	85.9
British Columbia.....	147.6	147.1	147.1	147.6	147.6	146.1	137.2	128.3	124.6	123.6

RENT.

Prince Edward Island.....	118.5	118.5	118.5	122.3	123.8	123.8	123.8	123.2	121.1	115.8
Nova Scotia.....	117.9	117.9	117.9	117.9	121.1	126.9	126.9	117.5	111.8	112.6
New Brunswick.....	142.1	142.1	142.1	142.1	139.4	135.6	132.4	124.2	120.2	117.5
Quebec.....	120.8	121.7	122.7	123.2	125.9	124.4	118.1	110.1	105.3	104.4
Ontario.....	151.8	151.2	153.1	154.3	155.8	153.3	139.6	123.2	120.4	122.9
Manitoba.....	184.2	184.2	184.2	184.2	184.2	176.6	153.5	131.8	125.1	123.4
Saskatchewan.....	184.2	184.2	184.2	184.2	185.7	176.8	156.0	133.1	129.3	123.8
Alberta.....	151.8	152.4	151.8	157.9	161.7	160.4	143.6	125.5	116.6	116.8
British Columbia.....	135.8	136.6	138.1	139.8	140.8	140.2	131.4	118.3	110.3	112.0

GRAND TOTALS.

Prince Edward Island.....	137.3	134.0	131.2	135.3	136.3	123.1	112.4	110.2	112.8	110.7
Nova Scotia.....	142.1	138.4	138.9	141.0	140.8	127.0	115.8	109.7	111.7*	111.9
New Brunswick.....	152.7	149.1	148.2	149.2	147.1	129.9	118.4	113.4	114.9	115.1
Quebec.....	141.0	138.1	138.3	140.3	138.8	121.1	108.2	103.6	106.0	106.0
Ontario.....	156.8	154.6	155.0	156.9	154.5	135.4	119.8	113.0	116.4	117.9
Manitoba.....	161.9	161.5	163.8	167.4	163.9	141.5	122.3	113.8	114.6	116.5
Saskatchewan.....	164.8	166.2	167.2	170.0	164.7	139.5	117.0	107.4	109.7	109.1
Alberta.....	145.8	145.9	145.3	150.4	147.4	126.1	110.1	103.0	103.4	104.9
British Columbia.....	151.5	151.5	153.0	156.7	153.9	135.2	119.1	113.0	113.3	115.4

¹ Subject to revision.

² Revised since the publication of the 1934-35 Year Book.

Section 3.—Index Numbers of Security Prices.

Security prices have long been utilized in statistical measurements related to economic phenomena. They are extremely sensitive to changing business conditions, although this valuable characteristic is sometimes overshadowed by the fact that their movements may be greatly influenced by speculative interest very remotely associated with underlying economic conditions. Thus in 1928 and 1929, common stock prices advanced far beyond levels indicated by business profits and prospects.