

For the period from August, 1939, to December, 1940, none of the individual city indexes differs from the Dominion average index by as much as 7 p.c. If Halifax is excluded, the maximum difference does not reach 5 p.c. The differences shown by complete cost of living indexes would probably have been still less.

**10.—Index Numbers of Retail Food Prices for Eight Cities of Canada, by Months, January, 1939, to April, 1941**

(1935-39=100)

Year and Month	Halifax	SaintJohn	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
<b>1939</b>								
January.....	100.2	99.6	104.1	100.3	103.4	102.1	100.0	98.0
February.....	98.7	99.7	103.0	99.1	102.3	99.3	98.6	96.0
March.....	98.0	98.9	103.0	98.8	101.9	101.2	98.8	97.0
April.....	94.1	99.3	100.4	98.7	102.2	98.4	98.8	96.4
May.....	97.1	100.1	101.3	97.8	100.0	96.0	97.8	97.9
June.....	97.0	98.0	100.0	98.2	98.8	96.1	98.6	96.8
July.....	98.3	99.7	101.5	101.7	100.6	97.6	99.5	98.2
August.....	99.6	100.5	100.6	100.2	100.6	97.9	100.3	98.1
September.....	97.4	100.0	99.7	99.0	100.7	97.4	100.0	97.4
October.....	106.2	106.9	109.4	106.7	108.2	108.3	108.5	104.2
November.....	107.9	107.5	109.3	106.7	107.8	109.2	111.9	104.9
December.....	106.1	108.4	107.9	106.4	106.9	109.1	109.4	103.9
<b>Averages, 1939...</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>99.1</b>
<b>1940</b>								
January.....	108.5	107.5	107.3	103.6	106.5	107.3	107.2	101.4
February.....	106.4	106.6	107.1	103.8	106.2	107.4	107.1	104.1
March.....	107.1	105.8	107.9	102.9	106.0	106.7	106.2	103.0
April.....	107.7	106.7	107.7	104.2	106.2	106.7	107.1	103.9
May.....	108.4	107.4	106.0	103.2	105.3	104.9	108.2	105.3
June.....	106.1	106.1	106.0	103.7	105.2	103.3	106.6	102.5
July.....	110.6	108.1	108.2	104.9	109.0	105.9	105.8	103.2
August.....	111.9	108.9	106.1	104.7	108.5	103.8	104.8	103.9
September.....	111.3	107.0	106.9	105.9	106.8	103.4	103.5	103.4
October.....	111.6	108.4	107.9	106.1	107.6	104.3	105.4	103.7
November.....	113.3	111.3	110.9	108.5	110.2	107.5	108.4	106.1
December.....	114.7	113.0	111.2	107.8	110.9	109.7	110.1	107.0
<b>Averages, 1940...</b>	<b>109.8</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>105.0</b>	<b>107.3</b>	<b>105.8</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>104.0</b>
<b>1941</b>								
January.....	115.9	112.0	112.7	107.7	111.8	111.5	109.2	107.2
February.....	113.9	111.0	111.7	108.2	109.6	109.1	108.4	108.8
March.....	111.2	110.0	111.9	108.6	109.5	109.5	107.8	109.0
April.....	113.5	110.8	112.1	109.0	110.5	110.0	108.3	109.9

**Prices of Services.**—Service costs comprise approximately 19 p.c. of the family expenditure budget used in compiling the new Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost of living index numbers. Trends in rates for some of the more important of these services since the beginning of the new base period, 1935-39, are shown in the following table. Apart from increases in 1939 (due to taxation) in gas and electricity rates, changes in these indexes since 1935 have not been large. There have been gradual increases, however, in hospital-room rates and domestic telephone rates.