

### 8.—Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices of Exports and Imports, Classified According to Chief Component Material, 1929-41

(1926=100)

NOTE.—Statistics for 1913-28 are given at p. 830 of the 1938 Year Book.

Year.	Vegetables and Their Products	Animals and Their Products	Fibres, Textiles, and Textile Products	Wood, Wood Products, and Paper	Iron and Its Products	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	Chemicals and Allied Products	Total
<b>EXPORTS</b>									
1929.....	89.3	107.9	85.8	91.9	91.3	88.0	83.7	95.6	92.2
1930.....	65.3	94.2	69.5	87.3	87.4	75.4	81.5	92.9	77.4
1931.....	41.7	70.7	56.7	78.3	82.7	66.2	67.8	87.9	60.5
1932.....	40.4	55.7	39.6	68.1	81.3	65.2	66.1	68.3	54.9
1933.....	44.9	58.0	46.1	60.0	75.8	68.6	65.7	69.9	55.2
1934.....	53.4	64.5	59.1	62.5	78.0	67.6	71.2	72.2	60.6
1935.....	56.7	65.7	49.5	60.8	78.0	73.8	70.5	71.7	62.2
1936.....	63.9	69.5	61.4	65.0	80.1	71.1	71.3	71.8	66.8
1937.....	87.2	76.5	73.1	72.1	95.2	79.9	69.7	72.1	81.1
1938.....	66.4	69.1	54.5	73.4	93.9	70.7	80.0	78.1	70.9
1939.....	47.4	70.7	42.4	75.8	94.5	68.3	79.8	86.6	63.5
1940.....	55.3	80.3	57.5	86.1	102.8	73.5	87.9	86.9	71.9
1941.....	55.4	95.4	61.2	92.4	118.9	73.9	89.0	86.9	76.4
<b>IMPORTS</b>									
1929.....	85.6	113.3	93.4	-	95.0	116.9	89.4	92.0	94.2
1930.....	75.0	94.5	75.5	-	91.1	84.7	87.3	87.5	83.7
1931.....	60.1	72.5	59.9	-	88.7	57.5	80.3	83.3	72.4
1932.....	57.6	59.1	52.6	-	91.1	46.5	84.8	86.3	70.5
1933.....	61.4	67.7	57.3	-	92.2	59.1	79.4	86.9	73.0
1934.....	65.0	69.7	64.2	-	92.7	66.7	83.6	88.0	76.5
1935.....	68.5	74.6	63.6	-	94.4	68.0	82.5	89.7	77.9
1936.....	68.4	78.7	67.7	-	96.3	71.5	82.0	86.9	79.4
1937.....	79.7	89.9	72.1	-	114.5	93.6	82.8	95.1	89.8
1938.....	68.8	75.9	61.2	-	113.7	72.7	84.1	84.5	83.1
1939.....	71.3	78.0	66.0	-	112.2	83.8	82.3	83.5	84.4
1940.....	83.4	86.7	84.3	-	119.2	94.9	94.1	90.8	96.0
1941.....	99.8	97.2	93.7	-	122.8	101.9	100.0	98.0	104.7

## Section 2.—Cost of Living

A consolidation of Canadian cost-of-living indexes was made in 1940 when the index shown at p. 736, on the base 1935-39=100, replaced the Bureau of Statistics' preceding series on the base 1926=100, and also the Dominion Department of Labour's index on the base 1913=100. The Bureau's new index was constructed with the co-operation of the Department of Labour and the Wartime Prices and Trade Board to serve as the official cost-of-living index for Canada.

This index reflects changes in a fixed budget covering retail prices of commodities, services and shelter costs based upon the expenditure experience of 1,439 urban wage-earner families in the year ended Sept. 30, 1938. The record completed by these families was especially designed to provide budget data necessary for the accurate compilation of a cost-of-living index. It must be kept in mind, however, that the new index reflects changes in the cost of a pre-determined family standard; and no account was taken of shifting planes of living because of changes in economic circumstances, e.g., variations in income or direct taxation, or because of changing ages or variation in numbers of persons in the family. The basis of selecting families for the 1938 expenditure survey has been described in the 1941 Year Book at p. 723. Fuller particulars of the methodology employed and a summary of the results of the Nutrition and Family Living Expenditures Investigation are given at pp. 819-821 of the 1940 Year Book. The detailed findings appear in a report entitled "Family Income and Expenditure in Canada, 1937-38".