

3.—Index Numbers of Living Costs in Canada, 1929-43, and by Months, January, 1942, to April, 1944—concluded

Year and Month	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Total Index
1942							
January.....	122.3	112.9	111.2	119.9	118.0	106.8	115.4
February.....	123.1	112.9	111.2	119.8	118.0	107.1	115.7
March.....	123.7	112.9	111.2	119.8	118.0	107.1	115.9
April.....	123.7	112.9	111.2	119.8	118.1	107.1	115.9
May.....	124.3	112.9	111.3	119.9	118.0	107.1	116.1
June.....	126.2	112.6	111.3	119.9	117.9	107.1	116.7
July.....	130.3	112.5	111.3	120.0	117.9	107.1	117.9
August.....	129.6	112.5	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.1	117.7
September.....	128.5	112.5	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.1	117.4
October.....	129.8	112.8	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.1	117.8
November.....	132.4	112.8	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.1	118.6
December.....	132.8	112.8	111.3	120.2	117.8	107.2	118.8
Averages, 1942.....	127.2	112.8	111.3	120.0	117.9	107.1	117.0
1943							
January.....	127.3	112.8	111.3	120.2	117.8	107.5	117.1
February.....	126.7	112.7	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.5	116.9
March.....	127.7	112.7	111.3	120.1	117.8	107.5	117.2
April.....	128.7	112.7	111.3	120.2	117.8	107.7	117.6
May.....	129.9	112.7	111.5	120.2	117.8	108.0	118.1
June.....	130.9	113.0	111.5	120.4	117.8	108.2	118.5
July.....	131.8	113.4	111.5	120.5	117.8	108.2	118.8
August.....	133.2	113.4	111.5	120.6	117.9	108.2	119.2
September.....	133.5	113.4	111.5	120.6	118.2	108.3	119.4
October.....	132.9	113.3	111.9	121.1	118.2	108.3	119.3
November.....	133.1	113.3	111.9	121.1	118.2	108.3	119.4
December.....	132.7	111.9	111.9	121.1	118.8	108.6	119.3
Averages, 1943.....	130.7	112.9	111.5	120.5	118.0	108.0	118.4
1944							
January.....	131.5	112.7	111.9	121.1	118.4	108.9	119.0
February.....	130.9	113.0	111.9	121.3	118.4	109.1	118.9
March.....	131.1	113.0	111.9	121.3	118.4	109.0	119.0
April.....	131.5	113.0	111.9	121.4	118.4	109.0	119.1

Regional Changes in Living Costs.—In 1941 the Bureau established wartime cost-of-living indexes for eight regional cities. These indexes, covering the cities shown in Table 4, have been patterned after the official cost-of-living series for Canada, and include group indexes for foods, fuel, rent, clothing, home furnishings and services, and miscellaneous items. The budget quantities employed for these calculations have been computed from expenditure records of wage-earner families in the year ended September, 1938 (see p. 787). The only differences between the city and Dominion indexes are the base period used and the frequency of the publication of data. For the city records, August 1939=100 instead of the five-year period 1935-39 is used and these indexes have been published for alternate months only.

Regional movements in living costs since the outbreak of war have been closely comparable to movements in the Dominion index, which advanced 18.4 p.c. between August, 1939, and December, 1943. During this period increases in the eight city indexes ranged from 15.4 to 21.4 p.c.