

4.—Index Numbers of Living Costs in Eight Cities of Canada, October, 1939, to April, 1944

(August, 1939=100)

Year and Month	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
1939								
October.....	102.9	102.5	104.1	102.5	102.8	103.6	102.8	102.1
December.....	103.3	103.4	104.7	103.2	102.9	104.8	103.8	102.6
1940								
February.....	103.4	103.0	104.4	102.5	102.6	104.6	103.1	102.9
April.....	104.9	104.2	105.4	103.2	103.3	105.1	103.7	103.4
June.....	105.5	104.1	106.2	103.4	103.2	104.7	103.8	103.0
August.....	107.5	105.4	107.0	104.2	104.6	105.3	103.7	103.7
October.....	107.0	107.0	108.3	105.1	105.2	106.9	104.2	104.0
December.....	108.0	108.7	109.4	105.8	106.3	108.6	105.6	105.3
1941								
February.....	107.9	108.3	109.8	106.0	106.0	108.7	105.5	106.1
April.....	107.8	108.2	109.9	106.3	106.2	109.0	105.5	106.5
June.....	108.8	108.8	111.9	108.7	107.8	110.3	107.0	107.5
August.....	111.6	112.2	115.1	111.7	110.3	113.1	109.8	110.4
October.....	112.7	113.2	116.3	114.0	112.2	115.7	111.4	112.3
December.....	113.1	114.5	116.8	114.5	113.1	116.4	111.4	112.4
1942								
February.....	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.1
April.....	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.2
June.....	114.0	115.4	118.2	115.5	113.1	116.2	112.0	113.1
August.....	115.8	117.2	118.7	116.2	115.0	117.5	114.1	115.0
October.....	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.6	115.4
December.....	116.2	117.3	120.3	116.8	115.6	118.5	115.0	116.8
1943								
February.....	114.7	115.9	118.8	115.3	114.1	116.7	113.5	114.7
April.....	115.7	116.7	119.0	115.4	114.7	117.4	114.1	116.7
June.....	117.1	117.8	120.6	116.3	115.1	117.8	115.2	116.9
August.....	118.7	119.0	121.3	117.3	115.6	118.9	116.0	117.7
October.....	118.2	118.4	121.5	117.5	115.4	119.0	115.9	117.7
December.....	118.1	118.5	121.4	117.4	115.4	119.5	116.0	117.5
1944								
February.....	117.9	118.6	121.0	117.0	115.4	119.3	115.7	116.7
April.....	118.2	118.7	121.2	117.2	115.7	119.4	115.7	117.2

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.

5.—Index Numbers of Domestic Service Rates, 1938-43

(1935-39=100)

Item	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Domestic rates of fuel gas.....	100.1	101.9	106.7	104.1	105.1	105.1
Domestic electric-light rates.....	96.5	103.3	103.5	103.0	102.8	97.7
Domestic telephone rates.....	100.6	100.6	101.9	103.3	103.3	103.3
Street-car fares.....	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1
Hospital-room rates.....	101.0	102.7	102.7	104.3	106.0	111.0