

by 0.8 (from 119.3 to 118.5) as contrasted with increases of 0.5 and 3.0 in the two preceding years. Changes in the different budget groups during 1944 are tabulated below. The decline in the fuel group is due largely to a reduction in electricity rates.

<i>Item</i>	<i>December, 1943</i>	<i>December, 1944</i>	<i>Point Change</i>
Food.....	132.7	130.3	-2.4
Fuel.....	111.9	108.1	-3.8
Rent.....	111.9	112.0	+0.1
Clothing.....	121.1	121.6	+0.5
Home furnishings.....	118.8	118.4	-0.4
Miscellaneous.....	108.6	108.9	+0.3
TOTAL, INDEXES.....	119.3	118.5	-0.8

3.—Index Numbers of Living Costs in Canada, Significant Years 1913-44, and by Months, January, 1944 to May, 1945

(1935-39=100)

Year and Month	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Total Index
1913.....	89.1	77.1	74.3	87.4	69.6		79.1
1920.....	189.5	120.2	100.1	211.9	109.3		145.4
1922.....	123.3	122.7	114.0	145.7	111.4		120.4
1929.....	134.7	112.6	119.7	134.8	105.0		121.7
1933.....	84.9	102.5	98.6	93.3	98.2		94.4
1939.....	100.6	101.2	103.8	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.5
1940.....	105.6	107.1	106.3	109.2	107.2	102.3	105.6
1941.....	116.1	110.3	109.4	116.1	113.8	105.1	111.7
1942.....	127.2	112.8	111.3	120.0	117.9	107.1	117.0
1943.....	130.7	112.9	111.5	120.5	118.0	108.0	118.4
1944.....	131.3	110.6	111.9	121.5	118.4	108.9	118.9
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
May.....	131.7	112.5	111.9	121.5	118.5	109.0	119.2
June.....	131.1	112.5	111.9	121.5	118.4	109.0	119.0
July.....	132.0	108.9	111.9	121.5	118.3	109.0	119.0
August.....	131.5	108.7	111.9	121.5	118.5	109.0	118.9
September.....	131.2	108.7	111.9	121.5	118.4	109.0	118.8
October.....	130.8	108.7	112.0	121.6	118.4	108.9	118.6
November.....	131.6	108.1	112.0	121.6	118.4	108.9	118.9
December.....	130.3	108.1	112.0	121.6	118.4	108.9	118.5
1945							
January.....	130.2	109.1	112.0	121.8	118.3	109.2	118.6
February.....	130.6	107.4	112.0	121.7	118.4	109.2	118.6
March.....	131.0	107.3	112.0	121.7	118.5	109.2	118.7
April.....	131.0	106.7	112.0	121.8	118.5	109.2	118.7
May.....	131.7	106.6	112.1	122.0	118.9	109.4	119.0

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 food, 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