

in the year ended September, 1938 (see p. 896). 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 17.6 p.c. between August, 1939, and December, 1944. During this period increases in the eight city indexes ranged from 15.6 to 20.2 p.c.

#### 4.—Index Numbers of Living Costs in Eight Cities of Canada, by Alternate Months, 1939, 1940, 1942, 1944 and 1945

(August, 1939=100)

Year and Month	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
<b>1939</b>								
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
<b>1940</b>								
February.....	103.4	103.0	104.4	102.5	102.6	104.6	103.1	103.0
April.....	104.9	104.2	105.4	103.2	103.3	105.1	103.7	103.5
June.....	105.5	104.1	106.2	103.4	103.2	104.7	103.8	103.1
August.....	107.5	105.4	107.0	104.2	104.6	105.3	103.7	103.8
October.....	107.0	107.0	108.3	105.1	105.2	106.9	104.2	104.1
December.....	108.0	108.7	109.4	105.8	106.3	108.6	105.6	105.4
<b>1942</b>								
February.....	113.5	115.2	117.1	114.5	112.4	115.7	110.9	112.2
April.....	113.5	115.1	117.4	114.7	112.6	116.1	111.1	112.3
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	115.1
October.....	115.5	116.6	119.4	116.3	114.5	117.0	113.6	115.5
December.....	116.2	117.3	120.3	116.8	115.6	118.5	115.0	116.9
<b>1944</b>								
February.....	117.9	118.6	121.0	117.0	115.4	119.3	115.7	116.8
April.....	118.2	118.7	121.2	117.2	115.7	119.4	115.7	117.3
June.....	118.3	118.8	120.7	117.1	115.5	119.3	115.7	117.5
August.....	119.0	119.6	120.2	117.1	115.7	119.6	116.1	117.0
October.....	118.4	118.7	120.1	117.0	115.8	119.2	115.8	117.2
December.....	118.4	118.4	120.2	116.5	115.8	119.2	115.6	116.9
<b>1945</b>								
February.....	118.8	118.6	120.9	116.5	116.0	119.4	116.0	117.6
April.....	118.7	118.8	121.0	116.8	116.2	119.6	116.2	117.8

**Prices of Services.**—Service costs comprise approximately 19 p.c. of the family expenditure budget used in compiling the 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 base period, 1935-39, are shown in the following table. The most notable of these is the decline in electricity rates which began in 1942 and was considerably accentuated between 1943 and 1944. There has also been a gradual increase in hospital-room rates extending back to 1941 and carrying through 1944.