

**Regional Changes in Living Costs.**—In 1941, the Bureau established cost-of-living indexes for eight regional cities covering the period since August, 1939. These indexes, for 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 in the year ended Sept. 30, 1938. 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 is the base used instead of the five-year period 1935-39, and these indexes are given in Table 4 for alternate months only.

Regional movements in living costs since the outbreak of the Second World War have been closely comparable to movements in the Dominion index, which advanced 26.1 p.c. between August, 1939, and December, 1946. During this period increases in the eight city indexes ranged from 23.2 to 29.1 p.c.

**4.—Index Numbers of Living Costs in Eight Cities of Canada, Alternate Months, 1940, 1942, 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947**

(August, 1939=100)

Year and Month	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
<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
June.....	119.1	119.4	121.9	118.1	117.2	119.9	116.7	119.1
August.....	121.1	120.9	123.6	118.4	118.0	121.2	117.7	119.4
October.....	119.4	119.5	122.2	117.7	116.8	120.3	117.1	117.9
December.....	119.6	119.7	122.6	118.1	117.0	120.7	117.6	118.7
<b>1946</b>								
February.....	119.3	119.7	122.2	118.2	117.1	120.6	117.8	119.2
April.....	120.3	120.6	123.1	119.3	118.4	121.7	119.1	120.4
June.....	122.4	122.5	125.8	121.9	120.9	125.3	121.2	123.7
August.....	125.0	124.6	128.3	123.5	122.1	126.1	123.2	124.7
October.....	125.0	124.9	129.5	124.9	122.7	127.2	123.9	125.9
December.....	125.1	125.1	129.1	125.0	123.2	128.2	124.8	126.6
<b>1947</b>								
February.....	125.6	125.9	129.6	126.0	124.0	129.0	124.9	127.7
April.....	127.9	128.5	132.7	128.8	126.1	131.7	127.5	130.1
June.....	131.0	132.1	137.7	133.3	129.7	136.2	131.3	134.3