

2.—Annual Index Numbers of Living Costs, 1935-47, and Monthly Index Numbers, 1947 and 1948—concluded

Year and Month	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Light Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Total Index
1947							
January.....	145·5	113·4	109·0	131·5	129·8	114·7	127·0
February.....	147·0	113·4	109·1	131·9	130·9	115·5	127·8
March.....	148·7	113·4	109·1	133·1	133·6	116·0	128·9
April.....	151·6	113·4	109·1	136·9	137·2	116·3	130·6
May.....	154·9	115·4	116·2	140·0	138·6	116·8	133·1
June.....	157·7	117·8	116·7	142·4	139·8	117·1	134·9
July.....	159·8	117·8	117·3	143·2	142·5	117·2	135·9
August.....	160·6	117·8	118·6	145·5	143·7	117·2	136·6
September.....	165·3	117·8	121·1	152·0	147·4	117·5	139·4
October.....	171·3	119·9	121·9	154·2	149·9	117·6	142·2
November.....	173·6	119·9	122·6	157·0	151·4	118·2	143·6
December.....	178·7	119·9	120·3	159·3	154·9	119·8	146·0
1948							
January.....	182·2	119·9	120·4	161·2	158·4	122·6	148·3
February.....	186·1	119·9	120·1	165·1	159·9	122·8	150·1
March.....	185·9	119·9	121·0	169·9	161·2	122·8	150·8
April.....	186·8	119·9	121·3	172·7	161·9	122·9	151·6
May.....	191·2	120·9	122·7	173·6	161·9	122·9	153·3
June.....	193·9	120·9	124·3	174·8	162·0	122·7	154·3
July.....	201·3	120·9	124·5	175·4	162·8	123·1	156·9
August.....	202·6	120·9	127·7	175·9	161·4	123·4	157·5

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 3, are 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 for each city from expenditure records of wage-earner families in the year ended Sept. 30, 1938. For the city records, August, 1939 = 100 is the base used instead of the five-year period 1935-39.

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 44·8 p.c. between August, 1939, and December, 1947. During this period increases in the eight city indexes ranged from 39·9 to 48·6 p.c.