

family, and about one family in three operated an automobile. The general distribution of living expenditures for the year ended Sept. 30, 1938, for these families which represented all the principal racial groups in Canada was as follows:—

<u>Budget Group</u>	<u>Average Expenditure</u>	<u>Percentage of Total</u>
	\$	
Food.....	443.0	31.3
Shelter.....	269.5	19.1
Fuel and light.....	90.5	6.4
Clothing.....	165.8	11.7
Home furnishings.....	125.7	8.9
Miscellaneous.....	319.4	22.6
Health.....	60.8	4.3
Personal care.....	23.9	1.7
Transportation.....	79.8	5.6
Recreation.....	82.1	5.8
Life insurance.....	73.3	5.2
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,413.9<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Directly represented in the index. Other miscellaneous outlays brought the total family living expenditure to \$1,453.8.

A new survey of family income and expenditure was taken in October, 1948, and revision of the cost of living based on information obtained from this survey is under way.

