

27.—Index Numbers of all Commodities by Groups, 1894-1921—concluded.

Average Prices 1890-1899=100.

Commodity Groups.	1908.	1909.	1910	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
1. Grains and fodder.	148.3	149.9	140.7	148.4	167.3	136.8	156.5	186.9	195.2	281.5	316.2	310.2	360.6	205.7
2. Animals and meats.	129.6	148.6	163.6	146.6	160.8	180.8	192.3	187.2	217.7	288.1	354.5	357.8	356.4	263.7
3. Dairy produce.	136.3	133.6	135.7	136.2	159.0	154.7	154.4	161.4	183.5	230.5	259.4	296.5	314.7	241.3
4. Fish.	120.5	134.0	145.1	143.6	155.7	158.0	156.0	149.7	184.8	205.8	247.0	236.6	247.4	204.5
5. Other foods.	110.3	107.6	111.3	118.7	126.0	117.4	118.8	125.5	156.2	260.6	250.5	251.1	304.2	207.2
6. Textiles.	111.0	108.3	114.6	119.2	120.7	130.8	133.5	149.2	193.4	223.4	356.9	373.1	401.0	247.5
7. Hides, leather and boots.	120.0	135.4	135.4	139.6	152.4	163.9	171.8	180.5	233.4	275.1	279.7	349.5	314.9	179.9
8. Metals and implements:—														
(a) Metals.	106.3	101.9	97.6	108.3	117.4	119.1	113.9	152.4	198.9	259.1	273.1	206.1	240.7	179.1
(b) Implements.	104.2	102.4	104.5	104.5	104.7	105.6	106.8	112.1	135.2	181.6	225.0	240.4	258.3	253.1
9. Fuel and lighting.	102.2	103.8	103.0	100.5	113.3	118.2	110.9	108.8	132.6	193.0	221.8	237.1	310.0	258.1
10. Building materials:—														
(a) Lumber.	162.6	154.6	158.5	165.4	166.5	181.3	182.1	175.7	182.1	214.5	267.1	310.8	486.5	383.4
(b) Miscellaneous.	107.5	105.7	109.2	102.6	105.4	112.7	111.4	115.9	154.9	203.5	225.4	224.5	258.7	240.1
(c) Paints, oils and glass.	136.8	135.2	145.5	154.5	148.6	144.8	140.7	157.1	200.5	257.9	310.8	379.0	444.2	310.1
11. House furnishings.	112.8	110.4	110.6	110.4	114.5	126.2	129.5	136.5	157.1	203.7	256.9	321.2	381.0	344.7
12. Drugs and chemicals.	107.1	103.9	109.5	112.1	115.5	113.3	121.6	181.3	252.2	267.9	283.5	232.0	231.5	200.3
13. Miscellaneous:—														
(a) Furs, raw.	231.8	227.2	234.5	252.9	297.3	307.9	205.4	161.9	299.8	411.6	602.2	1009.2	1132.1	521.1
(b) Liquors and tobaccos.	118.0	117.5	132.9	151.2	155.2	134.7	136.9	135.6	142.4	167.8	250.9	275.8	312.1	275.9
(c) Sundries.	117.6	121.6	118.0	110.3	104.3	113.1	108.5	116.6	143.0	186.8	219.5	211.6	215.2	184.0
All commodities.	120.8	121.2	124.2	127.4	134.4	135.5	136.1	148.0	182.0	237.0	278.3	293.2	333.6	246.1

Retail Prices.—Statistics as to retail prices in Canada have been published by the Department since 1910, the retail prices of the principal staple foods, of coal, wood and coal oil and also the prevailing rates for the rent of six-roomed houses being published in the Labour Gazette each month for the cities having a population of 10,000 or more, some sixty in number. Figures for December, 1900, and December, 1905, were also secured in a special investigation in 1914. From the averages of these figures for the Dominion and for each province a calculation of a theoretical weekly family budget of expenditure on food, fuel and light and rentals has been made for each year since 1910 and for each month since January 1914, in order to show the general movement in retail prices as the movement in wholesale prices is shown by the index number. Tables 29 and 30 show the details of the changes in the average prices of each article included in food, and fuel for the Dominion and in the cost of the three items, food, fuel and rent in each province for each month of 1921 and for earlier dates.

In addition to the statistics as to retail prices of food and fuel, and as to rates for rent, the Department during 1920 and 1921 secured figures as to retail prices of staple lines of clothing, including footwear, from retail dealers throughout Canada, for each year back to 1913. The figures relate to prices prevailing at the end of the year in each case, but since 1919 prices have been secured more frequently. From these quotations the percentages of changes in the cost of clothing have been calculated. Information was also secured as to the prices of household supplies, furniture, furnishings, etc., and an estimate