

ONTARIO

COST OF LIVING

Cost per week of a staple budget of foods, etc., in terms of the average prices in the cities in this Province. (See *Labour Gazette*, January, 1920, page 91).

STAPLE FOODS

July, 1914	\$7.286
December, 1919	14.749
Increase 102.4 per cent.	

FUEL AND LIGHTING

1914	\$1.796
December, 1919	3.314
Increase 84.5 per cent.	

RENT

("Six-room houses in districts occupied by Workingmen.")

July, 1914	\$4.390
December, 1919	5.740
Increase 30.7 per cent.	

An increase in the rent of houses other than these is due to the shortage. Rents of flats and apartments have increased during the period 1914-1919, 50 to 75 per cent. in Toronto.

CLOTHING—Toronto Prices

1914, Men's Suits	\$25.00; now \$60, an advance of 140 per cent.
" "	30.00; now 70, " 133 "
" "	35.00; now 85, " 142 "
" "	45.00; now 95, " 110 "

Women's suits have been advanced 75 to 100 per cent. and over. These increases are due to advances in the cost of cloth and wages of employees. e.g., cloth which was supplied in 1914 to the tailor at a wholesale rate of \$2.00 to \$3.00 per yard is now supplied at \$8.50 to \$10.00. The wage for making an ordinary sack coat was \$5.00 in 1914; it is now \$13.00—an advance of 160 per cent. During this period the increase in wages of such workmen kept pace with and even exceeded the increase in the cost of living.