

PRICES

Measuring changes as from the base period 1935-39, the Canadian cost of living index is still 16 points below the United States index at the latest date for which figures are available, although during 1947 and the first quarter of 1948 the Canadian index rose more rapidly than the U.S. index. Most of the difference is attributable to a smaller rise in food and clothing costs in Canada since the base period, even though these two items account for most of the recent rise in the Canadian index.

TABLE 19
INDEX NUMBERS OF THE COST-OF-LIVING
1935-39 = 100

	All Items			Foods			Clothing			Rents		
	Canada	U.S.A.	U.K.	Canada	U.S.A.	U.K.	Canada	U.S.A.	U.K.	Canada	U.S.A.	U.K.
MONTHLY AVERAGES—												
1939.....	102	99	104	101	95	104	101	101	107	104	104	102
1940.....	106	100	121	106	97	121	109	109	143	106	105	103
1941.....	112	105	131	116	106	124	116	106	185	109	106	103
1942.....	117	117	132	127	124	119	120	124	200	111	109	103
1943.....	118	124	131	131	138	123	121	130	176	112	108	103
1944.....	119	126	132	131	136	124	122	139	173	112	108	103
1945.....	120	128	134	133	139	126	122	146	174	112	108	104
1946.....	124	139	134	140	160	125	126	160	173	113	109	105
1947.....	136	159	.....	160	194	.....	144	186	.....	117	111	.....
1947—January.....	127	153	134	146	184	124	132	179	174	113	109	106
February.....	128	153	134	147	182	124	132	182	171	113	109	106
March.....	129	156	134	149	190	125	133	184	170	113	109	106
April.....	131	156	134	152	188	124	137	185	171	113	109	106
May.....	133	156	134	155	188	120	140	185	171	115	109	109
June.....	135	157	134	158	191	119	142	186	173	118	109	110
July.....	136	158	101 ⁽¹⁾	160	183	101 ⁽¹⁾	143	185	102 ⁽¹⁾	118	110	100 ⁽¹⁾
August.....	137	160	100	161	197	99	146	186	102	118	111	100
September.....	139	164	101	165	204	100	152	188	101	118	114	100
October.....	142	164	101	171	202	101	154	189	102	120	115	100
November.....	144	165	103	174	203	103	157	190	102	120	115	100
December.....	146	167	104	179	207	103	159	191	102	120	115	110
1948—January.....	148	169	104	182	210	104	161	192	103	120	116	100
February.....	150	168	106	186	205	108	165	195	104	120	116	100
March.....	151	167	.....	186	202	.....	170	196	.....	120	116	.....
April.....	152	.....	.....	187	.....	.....	173	.....	.....	120	.....	.....

(1) New Interim Index, based on June 17, 1947 = 100.