

Cost of a Food Budget Comprising specified articles and quantities mentioned in Certain Cities in Canada in July 1924

| Commodities | Quantity | Montreal | Toronto | Windsor | Winnipeg | Vancouver | Canada |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|--------|
| Sirloin steak.. . . . | 1 pound | 31.5 | 32.8 | 29.6 | 29.8 | 33.6 | 29.7 |
| Round steak.. . . . | 1 " | 26.3 | 24.3 | 22.6 | 20.6 | 24.6 | 24.1 |
| Rib roast.. . . . | 2 " | 53.0 | 43.6 | 42.2 | 41.2 | 44.2 | 44.2 |
| Chuck roast.. . . . | 2 " | 26.6 | 29.2 | 30.4 | 24.0 | 26.0 | 31.2 |
| Bacon sliced.. . . . | 1 " | 30.8 | 33.9 | 32.5 | 33.7 | 42.4 | 35.7 |
| Salmon.. . . . | ½ " | 8.5 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 8.1 | 8.1 |
| Milk, fresh.. . . . | 6 quarts | 72.0 | 70.8 | 78.0 | 72.0 | 66.6 | 71.4 |
| Butter.. . . . | 3 pounds | 117.0 | 118.2 | 114.0 | 118.5 | 126.9 | 117.9 |
| Cheese.. . . . | 2 " | 56.4 | 57.8 | 52.2 | 58.2 | 46.4 | 56.8 |
| Lard.. . . . | 2 " | 40.2 | 39.8 | 38.8 | 37.4 | 38.6 | 41.2 |
| Eggs, fresh.. . . . | 1 dozen | 39.5 | 36.8 | 33.0 | 30.9 | 35.8 | 31.8 |
| Bread.. . . . | 15 pounds | 102.8 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 90.0 | 95.3 | 100.5 |
| Flour.. . . . | 10 " | 45.0 | 41.0 | 38.0 | 43.0 | 43.0 | 43.0 |
| Rolled oats.. . . . | 5 " | 25.5 | 26.0 | 24.5 | 26.0 | 27.0 | 27.0 |
| Rice.. . . . | 2 " | 20.6 | 20.0 | 22.4 | 22.0 | 17.2 | 20.8 |
| Potatoes.. . . . | 2 pecks | 65.3 | 71.7 | 76.1 | 66.0 | 66.7 | 64.0 |
| Onions.. . . . | 1 pound | 7.8 | 7.7 | 9.7 | 6.9 | 5.5 | 8.3 |
| Corn, canned.. . . . | ½ " | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 6.0 |
| Peas, canned.. . . . | ½ " | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| Sugar, granulated.. . . . | 4 " | 37.6 | 37.2 | 38.0 | 42.0 | 38.4 | 40.8 |
| Tea.. . . . | ½ " | 35.5 | 33.8 | 34.4 | 34.8 | 34.0 | 34.7 |
| Coffee.. . . . | ½ " | 13.7 | 14.0 | 12.8 | 12.2 | 13.3 | 13.6 |
| Prunes.. . . . | 1 " | 14.9 | 14.5 | 16.6 | 15.2 | 14.5 | 15.9 |
| Total cost.. . . . | | \$8.80 | \$8.76 | \$8.64 | \$8.44 | \$8.56 | \$8.70 |

Cost of a Food Budget comprising specified articles in the quantities mentioned in Certain Cities in the United States in July 1924

| Commodities | Quantity | Boston | Buffalo | Chicago | Detroit | Minneapolis | Seattle | U.S.A. |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|
| Sirloin steak.. . . . | 1 pound | 64.9 | 40.3 | 41.9 | 40.1 | 33.9 | 32.0 | 40.7 |
| Round steak.. . . . | 1 " | 52.6 | 33.5 | 32.7 | 32.4 | 30.2 | 27.0 | 34.6 |
| Rib roast.. . . . | 2 " | 78.0 | 58.0 | 63.6 | 56.8 | 53.2 | 51.4 | 58.2 |
| Chuck roast.. . . . | 2 " | 50.0 | 43.6 | 41.8 | 41.6 | 41.8 | 33.6 | 42.0 |
| Bacon, sliced.. . . . | 1 " | 36.5 | 30.0 | 41.0 | 35.1 | 38.3 | 44.4 | 36.4 |
| Salmon.. . . . | ½ " | 7.4 | 6.8 | 8.1 | 7.4 | 9.4 | 7.6 | 7.8 |
| Milk, fresh.. . . . | 6 quarts | 80.0 | 72.0 | 84.0 | 84.0 | 60.0 | 69.0 | 81.0 |
| Butter.. . . . | 3 pounds | 154.2 | 148.5 | 142.2 | 147.6 | 134.4 | 141.0 | 148.5 |
| Cheese.. . . . | 2 " | 71.4 | 68.8 | 77.0 | 70.4 | 62.2 | 69.4 | 68.8 |
| Lard.. . . . | 2 " | 34.6 | 31.8 | 35.2 | 35.2 | 33.4 | 35.6 | 34.2 |
| Eggs, fresh.. . . . | 1 dozen | 56.3 | 38.2 | 39.7 | 38.2 | 31.4 | 39.2 | 39.4 |
| Bread.. . . . | 15 pounds | 127.5 | 126.0 | 145.5 | 132.0 | 133.5 | 147.0 | 130.5 |
| Flour.. . . . | 10 " | 55.0 | 45.0 | 44.0 | 44.0 | 49.0 | 45.0 | 48.0 |
| Rolled Oats.. . . . | 5 " | 45.0 | 37.5 | 42.5 | 45.0 | 40.5 | 44.5 | 44.0 |
| Rice.. . . . | 2 " | 22.6 | 19.2 | 21.2 | 19.4 | 19.4 | 23.6 | 20.0 |
| Potatoes.. . . . | 2 pecks | 108.0 | 93.0 | 108.0 | 84.0 | 96.0 | 123.0 | 99.0 |
| Onions.. . . . | 1 pound | 8.4 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 5.0 | 6.9 |
| Corn, canned.. . . . | ½ " | 6.4 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 5.3 |
| Peas, canned.. . . . | ½ " | 4.3 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 3.6 |
| Sugar, granulated.. . . . | 4 " | 32.4 | 30.8 | 32.4 | 32.4 | 34.4 | 36.8 | 33.6 |
| Tea.. . . . | ½ " | 34.6 | 32.5 | 36.1 | 31.9 | 32.3 | 37.9 | 35.4 |
| Coffee.. . . . | ½ " | 12.4 | 9.8 | 10.9 | 10.4 | 11.4 | 11.1 | 10.6 |
| Prunes.. . . . | 1 " | 17.4 | 16.4 | 19.2 | 17.9 | 17.8 | 14.3 | 17.4 |
| Total cost.. . . . | | \$11.60 | \$9.97 | \$10.83 | \$10.21 | \$9.79 | \$10.48 | \$10.46 |

My honourable friend, in referring to the cost of living, asked us to ponder over the situation in France and Great Britain—one a free-trade country and the other protectionist—and he stated his belief that the cost of living was lower in France than in Great Britain. My conviction is to the contrary. I was in France for a few weeks last autumn, and I was told that prices had mounted to such an extent that the Herriot Government had found it necessary to attempt to fix maximum prices. In fact, the franc is worth

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only one quarter of its normal value. When you discuss the question with residents, you find that the cost of living is three times what it was on the basis of the franc. So you will see that the cost of living there is quite high; but I doubt that there is any comparison possible between the normal situation of a country with such an exceptional situation as this.

My honourable friend has suggested two remedies for our present condition—protection of our industries and stopping railway