

weighting patterns would be necessary to represent correctly the expenditure patterns of "lodgers" and "roomers." Again, a consumers' price index represents the expenditure pattern of a family as a "going concern." Newly established families or families just moved to a new locality would have abnormal expenditure patterns which would not necessarily be well represented by any general consumers' price index.

## CHAPTER 7—COMPILATION AND PUBLICATION OF GROUP AND ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS

30. As has been indicated in para. 19, prices of food and fuel and lighting will be collected from all twenty-one towns each month. Prices of seasonal fruits and vegetables will be collected from the ten major towns at weekly intervals. Price statistics for clothing, drapery, footwear, services, and various miscellaneous items will be collected at quarterly intervals from the ten major towns (in some instances the four chief centres only); while the collection of rent statistics will be made in February and August of each year from each of the twenty-one towns. The following programme of compilation is proposed :—

Group.	Frequency of Compilation.	Towns Covered.
Food .. .. .	Monthly .. .. .	Twenty-one towns.
Fuel and lighting .. .. .	" .. .. .	"
Housing .. .. .	Twice yearly (February and August)	"
Clothing, drapery, and footwear ..	Quarterly (February, May, August, and November)	Ten towns.
Miscellaneous commodities and services	Ditto .. .. .	Ten towns, or (in some cases) four chief centres.

Monthly index numbers for food and fuel and lighting for each town and for the Dominion should be compiled and published by the Government Statistician; half-yearly indices for housing; quarterly index numbers for each of the ten towns for clothing, drapery, and footwear; and quarterly indices for each of the four chief centres for miscellaneous items. The all groups index numbers should be compiled at quarterly intervals in the following manner :—

Quarter.	All Groups Index Number Represents—
March ..	Average of January, February, and March index numbers for food and fuel and light combined with February housing index and February indices for clothing, drapery, footwear, and miscellaneous groups.
June ..	Average of April, May, and June index numbers for food and fuel and light with May index numbers for clothing, drapery, footwear, and miscellaneous groups and the February index number for housing.
September ..	Average of July, August, and September index numbers for food, fuel and light combined with August index numbers for housing, clothing, drapery, footwear, and miscellaneous groups.
December ..	Average of October, November, and December index numbers for food and fuel and light combined with the November indices for clothing, drapery, footwear, and miscellaneous groups and the August index for housing.