

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF INDEX NUMBERS.

[NOTE.—The figures in the columns are the annual aggregates of the index numbers of the various articles included in each group. The small number shows the number of commodities included in the group in any particular year. The number in bold type is the index number showing the level of general prices.]

Year.	Agricultural Products.	Pastoral Products.	Beverages.	Oils.	Minerals.	Materials.	Other Food-stuffs.	Liquors.	Grand Totals.	Number of Articles.	Annual Index Numbers.
1861	5 1055	4 693	2 315	2 456	5 923	4 1059	7 1148	4 436	6085	33	184
1862	5 985	4 690	2 309	2 537	5 971	4 1059	7 1155	4 437	6143	33	186
1863	5 1070	5 1133	2 305	2 552	6 1135	6 1331	7 1135	4 471	7132	37	193
1864	5 1123	5 1043	2 323	3 816	6 1105	6 1349	8 1389	4 463	7611	39	195
1865	5 1031	5 986	2 311	3 845	6 1063	6 1304	8 1333	4 499	7372	39	189
1866	5 1011	5 1232	2 309	3 837	5 898	6 1403	8 1407	4 494	7591	38	200
1867	5 786	5 1069	2 337	3 802	4 720	6 1396	8 1401	4 395	6906	37	187
1868	5 877	5 1049	2 285	3 689	4 702	6 1403	8 1412	4 385	6802	37	184
1869	5 695	5 790	2 278	3 654	4 636	7 1494	8 1290	4 385	6222	38	164
1870	5 621	5 692	2 295	3 661	4 583	7 1286	8 1235	4 493	5866	38	154
1871	5 631	5 584	2 300	3 570	4 640	7 1241	8 1271	4 456	5693	38	150
1872	5 644	5 619	2 222	3 567	4 722	7 1343	8 1278	4 469	5864	38	154
1873	5 833	5 724	2 236	3 567	4 884	7 1262	8 1278	4 447	6231	38	164
1874	5 884	5 757	2 276	3 517	5 976	7 1218	8 1200	4 450	6278	39	161
1875	5 632	5 846	3 372	3 466	6 1040	7 1182	8 1089	4 434	6061	41	148
1876	5 531	5 871	3 376	3 442	6 965	7 1056	8 1073	4 439	5753	41	140
1877	5 792	6 877	3 376	3 471	6 942	7 1048	8 1110	4 444	6060	42	144
1878	5 817	6 776	3 376	3 451	6 837	7 991	8 990	4 411	5637	42	135
1879	5 748	6 805	3 376	3 431	6 709	7 896	8 935	4 416	5316	42	127
1880	5 554	6 832	3 386	3 426	6 786	7 988	8 1076	5 541	5589	43	130
1881	5 537	6 800	3 392	3 409	6 742	7 957	8 1031	5 534	5402	44	126
1882	5 630	7 912	3 383	3 363	6 699	7 921	8 951	5 529	5388	44	122
1883	5 608	7 843	3 361	3 371	6 662	7 886	8 943	5 510	5184	44	118
1884	5 556	7 790	3 363	3 370	6 635	7 898	8 921	5 520	5053	44	115
1885	5 483	7 802	3 348	3 351	6 607	7 892	8 860	5 520	4863	44	111
1886	5 534	7 759	3 342	3 327	6 573	7 851	8 843	5 518	4747	44	108
1887	5 501	8 798	3 298	3 317	6 566	7 765	8 864	5 516	4625	45	103
1888	5 497	8 745	3 298	3 319	6 593	7 749	8 909	5 510	4620	45	103
1889	5 625	8 906	3 298	3 332	6 637	7 773	8 939	5 497	5007	45	111
1890	5 462	8 838	3 295	3 345	6 699	7 759	8 939	5 498	4835	45	107
1891	5 499	8 818	3 299	3 329	6 685	7 772	8 962	5 498	4862	45	108
1892	5 527	8 814	3 307	3 292	6 657	7 744	8 844	5 498	4683	45	104
1893	5 464	8 837	3 307	3 270	6 604	7 704	8 808	5 498	4492	45	100
1894	5 438	8 837	3 307	3 278	6 579	7 701	8 761	5 497	4398	45	98
1895	5 427	8 753	3 307	3 272	6 559	7 680	8 707	5 498	4203	45	93
1896	5 522	8 749	3 295	3 283	6 554	7 679	8 713	5 508	4303	45	96
1897	5 596	8 702	3 295	3 309	6 545	7 692	8 736	5 507	4382	45	97
1898	5 618	8 721	3 295	3 285	6 546	7 655	8 757	5 507	4384	45	97
1899	5 408	8 922	3 295	3 288	6 606	7 618	8 768	5 505	4410	45	98
1900	5 419	8 906	3 295	3 315	6 692	7 623	8 783	5 494	4527	45	101
1901	5 408	8 894	3 295	3 321	6 644	7 615	8 760	5 494	4431	45	98
1902	5 568	8 947	3 295	3 310	6 588	7 614	8 700	5 496	4512	45	100
1903	5 547	8 1022	3 294	3 290	6 577	7 604	8 651	5 496	4481	45	100
1904	5 438	8 1005	3 294	3 258	6 561	7 577	8 647	5 498	4278	45	95
1905	5 497	8 1047	3 294	3 255	6 574	7 575	8 664	5 496	4402	45	98
1906	5 525	8 1058	3 294	3 279	6 629	7 577	8 705	5 497	4564	45	101
1907	5 607	8 1033	3 294	3 300	6 672	7 618	8 771	5 498	4793	45	107
1908	5 667	8 1073	3 282	3 271	6 626	7 623	8 629	5 508	4675	45	104
1909	5 522	8 1054	3 322	3 268	6 595	7 630	8 628	5 520	4540	45	101
1910	5 552	8 1078	3 322	3 317	6 576	7 622	8 663	5 520	4650	45	103

11. This general index number, however, tells us little as to the relative movements in the prices of the different commodities. For this purpose the data of the original tables have been regrouped in order to show the variations in the prices of those articles that more directly affect the cost of living.

Table 2 shows the changes in the average annual prices of the chief foodstuffs included in the index number. The seventeen commodities selected are—Wheat, flour, barley, oats, oatmeal, beef, mutton, lamb, bacon, butter, cheese, tea, sugar, currants, rice, salt, and salmon.

TABLE 2.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE FOOD-PRICES IN NEW ZEALAND, 1890 TO 1911. (Seventeen Articles founded on Dr. McIlraith's Tables; Average Price for Decade 1890-99 = 100.)

Year.	Price Index.	Year.	Price Index.	Year.	Price Index.
1890	102	1898	103	1905	106
1891	102	1899	97	1906	106
1892	104	1900	99	1907	111
1893	100	1901	100	1908	116
1894	99	1902	108	1909	107
1895	92	1903	108	1910	109
1896	97	1904	101	1911	115
1897	100				