

10. In order to show the position of the prices of materials in 1910 and 1911 with their levels in the two previous decades we give the following table :—

Decade averages.

TABLE 21.—WHOLESALE PRICES OF MATERIALS : COMPARISON OF 1910 AND 1911 WITH TWO PREVIOUS DECADES.

(Hooker, with additions.)

—	United Kingdom (Sauerbeck).	France.	Germany.	United States of America.	Canada.	New Zealand (McIlraith).
Average 1890-99..	100	100	100	100	100	100
„ 1900-09..	119	127	123	124	116	100
„ 1910 ..	127	138	132	137	123	104
„ 1911 ..	130	..	..	..	..	105

A noticeable feature pointed out by Hooker is that the differences in these numbers between one country and another are much less marked than in the case of food. The table shows that New Zealand is an exception. Canada, the youngest country but New Zealand, is the country that shows the least rise. This suggests that the slower rate of rise in their case is in part due to the high prices ruling for materials in the base period.

11. The prices of four materials—coal, iron, wool, and petroleum—have been selected and stated in the following comparative table :—

Particular materials.

TABLE 22.—INDEX NUMBERS* OF WHOLESALE PRICES OF PARTICULAR MATERIALS.
(Base 1890-99 = 100.)

I. Coal.

(R. H. Hooker, in the *Statistical Journal*, December, 1911, with the addition of Dr. McIlraith's Index Number for New Zealand.)

Year.	United Kingdom (Wallsend, in London).	France (Charbon Nord).	Germany (Dusseld, Fett).	United States of America (Pittsburg Bitum.).	Canada (N.S. Run of Mines).	New Zealand (Newcastle, on Ship).
1890 ..	109	129	135	103	102	110
1891 ..	109	113	111	123	102	110
1892 ..	107	99	96	117	102	110
1893 ..	112	91	82	118	102	110
1894 ..	95	91	89	99	99	110
1895 ..	86	81	90	93	99	110
1896 ..	86	83	91	89	100	110
1897 ..	91	85	101	89	98	83
1898 ..	97	100	101	88	97	74
1899 ..	107	129	105	83	97	74
1900 ..	135	182	114	117	106	74
1901 ..	115	162	115	117	121	74
1902 ..	107	135	107	122	122	74
1903 ..	95	131	105	144	124	74
1904 ..	94	123	105	132	122	74
1905 ..	89	123	108	124	114	74
1906 ..	95	143	114	123	111	74
1907 ..	114	162	123	128	119	74
1908 ..	104	162	127	132	128	74
1909 ..	101	148	122	126	125	75
1910 ..	99	162	121	125	122	75
1911 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* To the nearest whole number.