

INDEX NUMBERS* OF WHOLESALE PRICES OF PARTICULAR MATERIALS—*continued.*4. *Petroleum.*

Year.	United Kingdom.	France.	Germany.	United States of America.	Canada.	New Zealand (Kerosene).
1890 ..	106	107	110	95	105	117
1891 ..	109	101	106	74	105	103
1892 ..	97	87	103	61	110	85
1893 ..	77	77	93	70	110	84
1894 ..	75	76	88	92	110	92
1895 ..	116	115	106	149	103	93
1896 ..	107	107	101	129	95	93
1897 ..	92	99	91	87	94	98
1898 ..	99	110	96	100	88	87
1899 ..	121	122	107	142	80	118
1900 ..	131	124	110	148	79	83
1901 ..	126	109	106	133	79	59
1902 ..	121	113	105	136	84	56
1903 ..	121	130	111	174	97	60
1904 ..	119	123	104	179	100	59
1905 ..	109	114	98	152	85	57
1906 ..	119	121	106	176	83	61
1907 ..	131	133	107	191	79	62
1908 ..	131	136	109	196	79	65
1909 ..	123	136	106	183	81	66
1910 ..	116	123	106	148	69	66
1911 ..	..	..	..	..	..	61

* To the nearest whole number.

The effect of the tariff reduction is observable in the case of New Zealand ; a conspicuous feature is the occasional abrupt changes in the United States of America.

12. It is difficult to construct retail prices indices, but the most reliable available are quoted in the following table and compared with the corresponding wholesale prices :—

Comparison of wholesale and retail prices.

TABLE 23.—COMPARISON OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL FOOD-PRICES. (BASE 1895–1904 = 100.)
(Hooker, p. 35.)

Year.	United Kingdom.		France.					Germany.		United States of America.	
	Wholesale (Board of Trade).	Retail (Board of Trade).	Wholesale (i).	(ii.)	Retail (iii).	(iv.)	(v.)	Wholesale (Hooker).	Retail (Board of Trade).	Wholesale (Bureau of Labour).	Retail (Board of Trade).
1890 ..	110	..	117	109	107	110	101	110	..	108	..
1891 ..	118	..	110	112	108	113	105	119	..	114	..
1892 ..	112	..	105	110	113	112	104	113	..	102	..
1893 ..	110	..	102	104	107	109	98	109	..	107	..
1894 ..	103	..	98	103	109	109	104	101	..	96	..
1895 ..	100	94	94	99	100	104	102	94	98	92	96
1896 ..	94	93	94	99	97	102	99	88	96	82	93
1897 ..	98	97	98	102	97	104	96	93	99	88	94
1898 ..	103	102	99	101	103	105	101	102	101	94	96
1899 ..	99	97	98	102	104	107	103	100	99	98	97
1900 ..	100	101	102	102	101	104	98	102	100	104	99
1901 ..	101	103	107	102	103	101	98	103	101	106	102
1902 ..	102	103	107	98	99	89	100	101	103	115	108
1903 ..	101	104	106	99	97	91	102	108	102	109	107
1904 ..	102	105	99	93	98	94	102	108	101	111	110
1905 ..	102	105	102	88	98	88	107	113	108	112	111
1906 ..	101	104	109	92	99	86	107	115	114	114	114
1907 ..	106	107	115	98	99	90	112	121	116	121	118
1908 ..	107	110	122	99	103	91	114	113	119	123	..
1909 ..	109	109	122	96	105	90	109	125	120	127	..
1910 ..	110	111	..	..	..	96	114	128	..	131	..
1911 ..	..	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(i.) Import values ; same commodities as (ii) and (iii).

(ii.) Assistance publique.

(iii.) *Economat.*

(iv.) Normal expenditure of a working-class family.

(v.) *Idem*, without sugar and wine ; (i) and (ii) include coal and lamp-oil in addition to food.