

Comparison of Average Prices of Commodities and Rents in Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin with those in Wellington, taking Wellington as 100 (as at 1st March, 1910).

<i>Commodities.</i>				Wellington.	Auckland.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.
Bread	..	..	..	100	114.3	85.7	85.7
Butter	..	..	..	100	100	107.5	100
Flour	..	..	..	100	100	89.3	93
Oatmeal	..	..	..	100	92.3	91.6	92.3
Eggs	..	..	..	100	81.8	72.7	77.3
Tea, lowest price	..	..	..	100	100	83.3	100
„ average price	..	..	..	100	90	90	90
Sugar	..	..	..	100	96.5	100	97.4
Kerosene	..	..	..	100	98	100	105.9
Bacon	..	..	..	100	106.6	96.1	119.6
Soap, household, 1st grade	..	..	..	100	100	100	100
„ „ 2nd grade	..	..	..	100	87.5	75	87.5
„ „ 3rd grade	..	..	..	100	50	66.6	66.6
Candles, Premier	..	..	..	100	100	91.6	91.6
„ B. sperm	..	..	..	100	92.9	85.7	92.9
„ L. sperm	..	..	..	100	93.3	93.3	86.6
„ Price's	..	..	..	100	100	114.3	107.1
Milk	..	..	..	100	100	75	87.5
Coal	..	..	..	100	91.4	111.4	74.3
Gas	..	..	..	100	78.5	138.5	92.3
Beef, sirloin	..	..	..	100	100	100	100
„ rump-steak	..	..	..	100	128.6	114.3	100
„ stewing-steak	..	..	..	100	133.3	166.6	150
Corned beef	..	..	..	100	130	145	115
Mutton, hindquarter	..	..	..	100	166.6	133.3	116.6
„ shoulder	..	..	..	100	133.3	100	133.3
„ chops	..	..	..	100	120	100	80
Sausages (beef)	..	..	..	100	100	75	100
Potatoes	..	..	..	100	100	91.7	100
Boots, size 8, split kip, riveted, colonial, Hungarian-nailed	..	..	..	100	97	121	94.7
Boots, size 8, split kip, pegged, colonial, make, nailed	..	..	..	100	93.5	113	108.7
Boots, size 8, best kip, pegged, colonial make, nailed	..	..	..	100	83.9	112.9	93.5
Apples, eating	..	..	..	100	100	100	100

<i>Houses.</i>				Wellington.	Auckland.	Christchurch.	Dunedin.
Four rooms	..	..	..	100	63.6	75.8	66.6
Five rooms	..	..	..	100	74	82.2	79.5
Six rooms	..	..	..	100	80.5	87.8	84.1
Seven rooms	..	..	..	100	85.3	84.2	94.7

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