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APPENDIX E—Composition of Indexes of Items Common to Wholesale and Retail Price Indexes

TABLE E-1

| Basic Item | Wholesale | Description ^a | 1918 Price ^b | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|
| | | | Retail | Wholesale | Retail |
| <i>Home Furnishings</i> | | | | | |
| Carpet | Administrator, Lowell | Wool faced tapestry All-wool Brussels Dining room, hardwood | c | c | c |
| Chair | Kitchen, hardwood | | c | \$0.97 | \$1.98 |
| | Bedroom, oak rocker | | 1.63 | | |
| | Kitchen, hardwood base | | 2.74 | | |
| Table | Iron bedstead, hardwood dresser, and washstand | Hardwood, drop leaf | 2.74 | 6.85 | |
| Bedroom set | Cotton, 2 lbs. to the pair | Iron bedstead, oak dresser | | | |
| Blanket | Wool, 5 lbs. to the pair | Cotton, 4 lbs. to the pair | | | |
| | Brown sheeting, Indian Head | 40% wool, 5 lbs. to the pair | | | |
| | Brown sheeting, Pepperell | Unbleached bedsheets, 81 × 86 in. | | | |
| Sheet | Brown sheeting, Ware Shoals | | c | c | |
| <i>Clothing</i> | | | | | |
| All wool dress goods, per yard | Storm serge, 50 in. | Storm serge, 54 in. | 1.46 | 2.44 | |
| Gingham, per yard | Amoskeag | Storm serge, 36 in. | | 1.25 | |
| Man's shoes, pair | Seamless Creedmores | Amoskeag, apron checks | 0.18 | 0.24 | |
| | Vici calf, Goodyear welt | Work shoe, Goodyear welt | 1.51 | 4.95 | |
| Woman's shoes, pair | Vici kid, Goodyear welt | Gunmetal lace, Simplex welt | 5.63 | 4.45 | |
| Man's cotton hose, pair | Gunmetal button, McKay sewed | Black kid button, warm lined, McKay sole | 5.44 | | |
| | Combed yarn, black | Black kid lace, low rubber heel | 3.71 | 2.98 | |
| Woman's cotton hose, pair | Full-fashioned, combed yarn | Heavy carded yarn, black | 0.16 | 3.95 | |
| | Seamless, single thread | Black, undyed soles | 0.26 | 0.26 | |
| Man's wool union suit | Merino, 33½% wool, light weight | Heavy seamless, carded yarn, fleece lined | 0.31 | 0.27 | |
| | | One-third wool, extra heavy weight | 0.18 | | |
| | | | 1.46 | 3.25 | |

SOURCE: Sears, Roebuck and Company, Catalogue 137, Fall 1918 and BLS Bulletin 269, pp. 70–96 and 132–136.

a When more than one specific item is shown in either column, the series for that column is a simple average of relatives for the specific items.

b Prices are quoted per yard for yard goods, per pair for shoes and hosiery, and per item for all other items.

c Prices in sources cannot be reduced to comparable units.