

Greetings from Ontario, Canada!

As I write this article I am looking at some of the projected price increases for our sport in the New Year. I am told there is a world-wide increase in the price of pitch which means new production runs of targets will escalate. This means that clubs will have to absorb these price increases or raise their price per round. Many clubs are sharpening their pencils but bottom line, the cost of trapshooting will likely increase.

For those of you who attended the 2017 Trapshooting Hall of Fame banquet, you will recall the excellent slide presentation that Kaylynn Hamilton (from Pennsylvania) made which illustrated the history of trap throwing machines over the years. I believe she told us her father had done a lot of research for that presentation. The cost of those machines in many instances were noted and like most things there are inflationary influences. Unless I have missed it, I strongly recommend that Kaylynn share her presentation with all trap shooters by putting it into Trap & Field magazine.

Speaking of the price of products and services, my father, who recently passed at 96 years of age, published a book a few years ago. In one part of the book he showed the price of some items in 1921, the year of his birth. I suppose in those years, pricing was in Canadian dollars, but for some items they would have to be in U.S. dollars as they are U.S. products or services. In actual fact, some items to me appear expensive for being almost 100 years ago. Mass production, technology innovations, etc. likely had an impact.

1921 Cost of Living

Living

New House	\$7,019.00
Average Income	\$2,134.00 per year
New Car	\$420.00
Average Rent	\$15.00 per month
Tuition to Harvard University	\$200.00 per year
Movie Ticket	.15¢ each
Gasoline	.11¢ per gallon
First-Class Postage Stamp	.02¢ each

Food

Granulated Sugar	\$1.00 for 15 pounds
Vitamin D Milk	.58¢ per gallon
Ground Coffee	.12¢ per pound
Bacon	.17¢ per pound
Eggs	.11¢ per dozen
Fresh Ground Hamburger	.12¢ per pound
Fresh Baked Bread	.10¢ per loaf

For 2018, in spite of the cost, save enough of your hard earned money to enjoy registered trapshooting.

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