

December 1942 index, after 12 months of price ceiling, showed a cost-of-living advance of only 2.6%.

For each point that the adjusted cost-of-living index (August 1939 - 100.) rises above the level of October 1941, as announced every three months by the National War Labour Board, a cost-of-living bonus must be paid by every employer to adjust wages to wartime price levels. This bonus is paid to employees below the rank of foreman and is calculated as follows: 25¢ for each point rise in the cost of living for workers receiving \$25 or more a week; one per cent of the basic weekly wage rates for men under 21 and women workers earning less than \$25 a week.

The cost-of-living index (adjusted to base 100.0 for August 1939) as determined by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics is as follows:

	<u>1943</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1939</u>
January	116.2	114.5	107.4	103.0	
February	116.0	114.8	107.3	103.0	
March	116.3	115.0	107.3	103.8	
April	116.7	115.0	107.7	103.8	
May		115.2	108.5	104.1	
June		115.8	109.6	104.1	
July		117.0	111.0	104.8	
August		116.8	112.8	105.1	100.0
September		116.5	113.8	105.6	100.0
October		116.9	114.6	106.2	102.7
November		117.7	115.4	106.9	103.0
December		117.9	114.9	107.1	103.0

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