

Membership of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board originally consisted of three members but was subsequently increased to five, and then to 11. Chairman of the Board is Donald Gordon, deputy governor of the Bank of Canada. Members represent six departments of government: Agriculture, Finance, Labour, Munitions and Supply, National Revenue, Trade and Commerce, plus members pro tem of any controller of the Wartime Industries Control Board.

Every commodity and service has been grouped under appropriate administrations. Administrators are appointed by the Board with the approval of the Governor in Council. In most cases, advisory committees from the trade have been appointed to confer with their administrator in regard to orders or regulations affecting their industry.

Administrators have wide powers to administer the policies of the Board, but the underlying principle has been to obtain a maximum degree of co-operation from business and industry.

The application of the price ceiling put many pressures upon retailer, wholesaler and manufacturer. The adjustment of these pressures proved a complicated task. To help ease the problem the Division of Simplified Practice was established by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. It encouraged the curtailment of "frills", and simplification of manufacturing and distribution.

There are more than 50 administrators in the following businesses and industries:

Retail trade, wholesale trade, foods, textiles and clothing, pulp and paper, metals, coal, glass and products, furniture, hides and leather, jewellery, pharmaceuticals, sugar, asbestos and products, services, rentals, accounting, office supplies and used goods, etc.

Administrators are grouped under six co-ordinators.

The following Munitions and Supply controllers serve as administrators for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board:

Chemicals, machine tools, metals, motor vehicles, oil, power, ship repairs, steel, supplies, rubber, timber and transit.