

# CHAPTER XXIII.—PRICES\*

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### Section 1.—Wartime Prices and Trade Board, 1950

This Section continues the account of the activities of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board given in earlier editions of the Canada Year Book.

The last of the commodity controls administered by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board disappeared on Feb. 15, 1950, with the revocation of the remaining orders relating to primary iron and steel. Since that date the activities of the Board have been confined to rent control.

During 1950 no further general adjustments were made in rental ceilings or in conditions affecting security of tenure, but in administration the process of decontrol continued by reducing personnel and closing branch and regional offices. On Jan. 1, 1950, the Board had a staff of 831, and maintained 47 offices outside Ottawa. On Feb. 1, 1951, it had 270 employees and only eight offices outside Ottawa, one in each province except Saskatchewan and Newfoundland where federal rent controls did not operate.

The offer of the Minister of Finance on behalf of the Federal Government to withdraw rent controls in any province which desired to institute provincial controls was accepted by Saskatchewan in the autumn of 1949 to take effect Apr. 1, 1950. At the request of that province the authorized increases in rents and the relaxations in security of tenure which became effective elsewhere on Dec. 15, 1949, were made not applicable within Saskatchewan. On Apr. 1, 1950, the Wartime Leasehold Regulations ceased to apply in Saskatchewan and a provincial system of rent control took their place.

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