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GROSS BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND RURAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1937.

The Bureau presents its annual bulletin showing summary statements of municipal bonded indebtedness by provinces covering the year 1937. Additional tables are given which separate urban from rural bonded debt, as well as the sinking funds in each case.

The final table of the bulletin shows the gross total bonded indebtedness of all municipalities in each province for the years 1919 to 1937 inclusive. The increase from $729,000,000 in 1919 to $1,337,000,000 in 1937, has been largely due to the growing demand for local improvements, the increase in educational facilities, the expansion of public and social services and in later years the municipal charges to provide for unemployment and relief problems.

The tables represent the latest available information and have been compiled from the various provincial government reports dealing with municipal activities throughout Canada. They summarize returns from 4,317 municipalities, of which 1,634 were urban (cities, towns, villages and suburban) and 2,683 rural municipalities.

Table 1.

Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province,

by classes, 1937.

Provinces	Cities	Towns	Villages	Counties	Rural Municipalities	Local Improvement Districts	Suburban Municipalities	Total Number of Municipalities
Prince Edward Island	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	8
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	-	24	-	-	69
New Brunswick	3	20	2	15	-	-	-	40
Quebec	26	106	304	76	1,037	-	-	1,549
Ontario	27	146	156	1/38	2/571	-	-	938
Manitoba	4	3/31	22	-	112	-	5	174
Saskatchewan	8	82	4/382	-	302	82	-	856
Alberta	7	53	4/146	-	158	5/240	-	604
British Columbia	33	-	18	-	28	-	-	79
CANADA	111	488	1,030	129	2,232	322	5	4,317

1/ There are forty-three counties in all, geographically, but a number of them are united for municipal purposes.

2/ Officially known as townships including 27 which have a more or less urban development.

3/ Includes Flin Flon Municipal District.

4/ Includes six summer resort villages.

5/ Active Improvement Districts for year 1936. Figures for 1937 not available.

Table 2.

Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness with Sinking Funds Offsetting, and Net Total Bonded Indebtedness of all Municipalities, by Provinces, Year 1937.

Provinces	1937
	$
Prince Edward Island 1/ -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	2,901,175
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	588,332
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	2,312,843
Nova Scotia -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	34,695,716
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	12,250,123
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	22,445,593
New Brunswick -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	26,591,813
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	8,021,877
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	18,569,936
Quebec -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	513,533,544
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	77,372,509
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	436,161,035
Ontario -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	425,744,206
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	59,829,018
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	365,915,188
Manitoba -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	94,487,659
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	43,736,244
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	50,751,415
Saskatchewan -	
2/ Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	55,507,932
3/ Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	19,232,213
2/ Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	36,275,719
Alberta -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	60,964,770
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	20,106,819
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	40,857,951
British Columbia -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	122,780,368
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	30,123,028
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	92,657,340
Grand Total All Provinces	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	1,337,207,183
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	271,260,163
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	1,065,947,020

1/ Urban Bonded Indebtedness only, there being no rural municipal systems.
2/ School Debt of villages and rural municipalities not included.
3/ School Sinking Funds not included.

Table 3.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities for all Provinces combined, Year 1937.

	1937
	$
Cities	1,034,022,943
Towns	111,645,331
Villages 1/	11,302,676
Suburban Municipalities	9,577,988
Total Urban Municipalities	**1,166,548,938**
Rural Municipalities	61,900,623
Districts	12,519,520
Municipal Districts	6,315
Counties	17,732,617
Total Rural Municipalities	**92,159,075**
Total School Debt, All Municipalities, Quebec (not separable by classes)	78,499,170
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,337,207,183

1/ In Quebec the villages are included with rural municipalities.

Table 4.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1937.

Provinces		1937
		$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	2,192,850
	Towns	708,325
	Rural	-
	Total	2,901,175
Nova Scotia -	Cities	18,815,006
	Towns	13,793,560
	Municipalities	2,087,150
	Total	34,695,716
New Brunswick -	Cities	14,846,727
	Towns	6,962,600
	Villages	84,650
	Counties	4,697,836
	Total	26,591,813
Quebec -	Cities	383,980,747
	Towns	39,236,163
	Rural Municipalities	11,817,464
	Total	435,034,374
	School Debt, All Municipalities 1/	78,499,170
	Total including School Debt	513,533,544
Ontario -	Cities	323,768,157
	Towns	41,226,063
	Villages	10,718,715
	Rural	36,996,490
	Counties	13,034,781
	Total	425,744,206
Manitoba -	Cities	74,636,243
	Towns	3,318,442
	Villages	261,924
	Suburban Municipalities	9,577,988
	Rural	6,693,062
	Total	94,487,659
Saskatchewan -	Cities	46,622,254
	Towns	4,370,825
	Villages 2/	208,396
	Rural 3/	4,306,457
	Total	55,507,932
Alberta -	Cities	58,900,111
	Towns	2,029,353
	Villages	28,991
	Municipal Districts	6,315
	Total	60,964,770
British Columbia -	Cities	110,260,848
	Districts	12,519,520
	Total	122,780,368

1/ School Debt by classes of municipalities not available.
2/ School Debt not included.
3/ Telephone Debt included but not schools.

Table 5.

Sinking Funds, Offsetting Gross Bonded Indebtedness, which were held by Classes of Municipalities in each Province at the close of the year 1937.

Provinces		1 9 3 7
		$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	362,973
	Towns	225,359
	Rural	-
	Total	588,332
Nova Scotia -	Cities	6,624,026
	Towns	4,869,528
	Municipalities	756,569
	Total	12,250,123
New Brunswick -	Cities	5,096,243
	Towns	2,055,213
	Villages	26,311
	Counties	844,110
	Total	8,021,877
Quebec -	Cities	60,990,489
	Towns	5,907,273
	Rural Municipalities	465,977
	Total	67,363,743
	Sinking Funds for Schools, All Municipalities 1/	10,008,766
	Total including School Sinking Funds	77,372,509
Ontario -	Cities	55,811,846
	Towns	1,732,839
	Villages	93,566
	Rural	512,786
	Counties	1,677,981
	Total	59,829,018
Manitoba -	Cities	42,740,901
	Towns	502,457
	Villages	7,876
	Suburban Municipalities	419,861
	Rural	65,149
	Total	43,736,244
Saskatchewan 2/ -	Cities	19,043,900
	Towns	188,313
	Villages	-
	Rural	-
	Total	19,232,213
Alberta -	Cities	20,106,819
	Towns	-
	Villages	-
	Municipal Districts	-
	Total	20,106,819
British Columbia -	Cities	25,459,362
	Districts	4,663,666
	Total	30,123,028

1/ School Sinking Funds by classes of Municipalities not available.
2/ School Sinking Funds not included.

Table 6.

Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness of All Municipalities, by Provinces, 1919-1937.
(See page 1 for discussion)

Year	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	$	$	$	$	$
1919	970,100	17,863,881	11,188,467	199,705,568	243,226,877
1920	1,086,500	19,192,462	10,841,466	224,269,714	269,727,271
1921	1,202,200	22,451,743	7,578,567	230,955,538	317,613,283
1922	1,254,900	23,541,759	10,025,633	246,920,376	349,276,606
1923	1,290,800	24,248,782	7,974,362	260,907,356	376,512,002
1924	1,143,550	25,348,664	17,350,225	276,834,787	430,010,501
1925	1,163,050	25,722,635	10,660,865	281,213,213	405,178,853
1926	1,247,545	26,281,152	17,091,550	296,746,090	413,474,813
1927	1,452,425	28,381,616	15,707,699	313,416,960	434,464,056
1928	1,515,125	29,049,412	19,584,335	335,784,811	435,912,807
1929	1,598,624	29,029,119	21,343,890	352,291,456	451,936,592
1930	1,863,211	30,182,264	20,942,988	384,763,515	485,280,182
1931	1,959,672	31,386,025	22,165,501	427,815,926	499,002,074
1932	2,129,350	31,606,140	24,752,873	463,613,696	504,755,977
1933	2,147,650	32,772,717	24,667,909	479,608,472	494,433,956
1934	2,348,275	33,318,115	26,495,037	493,867,826	483,952,700
1935	2,479,550	33,866,913	27,538,898	500,788,727	461,653,182
1936	2,510,675	34,211,220	26,796,910	513,113,001	431,546,483
1937	2,901,175	34,695,716	26,591,813	513,533,544	425,744,206

	Manitoba	1/ Saskatchewan	3/ Alberta	British Columbia	Totals
	$	$	$	$	$
1919	55,562,788	2/39,585,388	66,870,464	94,741,615	729,715,148
1920	57,820,588	40,611,271	57,205,275	96,107,911	776,862,458
1921	65,463,239	41,180,255	53,429,558	97,495,984	837,370,367
1922	68,811,040	59,719,165	60,832,650	98,761,630	919,143,759
1923	73,908,963	59,011,174	70,999,611	96,273,987	971,127,037
1924	73,944,105	57,763,699	65,414,317	96,106,151	1,043,915,999
1925	79,211,867	55,855,505	57,908,593	99,055,201	1,015,949,780
1926	80,716,272	54,844,759	56,950,712	102,853,228	1,050,206,121
1927	83,017,302	54,361,158	62,414,660	107,376,118	1,100,591,994
1928	85,651,906	53,092,330	63,428,853	110,124,819	1,134,144,398
1929	85,901,404	54,913,100	78,473,392	118,483,618	1,193,971,195
1930	84,879,707	59,000,183	78,645,803	125,832,088	1,271,389,941
1931	91,615,195	59,146,592	78,679,571	129,913,890	1,341,684,446
1932	92,471,256	59,238,281	76,892,413	129,332,791	1,384,792,777
1933	4/96,076,856	57,288,400	69,455,181	128,094,159	1,384,545,300
1934	90,767,215	55,692,110	67,886,011	127,172,942	1,381,500,231
1935	5/95,557,149	55,519,672	67,251,233	127,370,560	1,372,025,884
1936	5/95,883,699	55,582,491	67,641,130	125,838,619	1,353,124,228
1937	5/94,487,659	55,507,932	60,964,770	122,780,368	1,337,207,183

1/ Statistics of school debt for villages and rural municipalities not included.
2/ Net debt.
3/ Figures represent principally net debt 1919-1928.
4/ Includes Deferred Liabilities, not separable.
5/ Includes schools.

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