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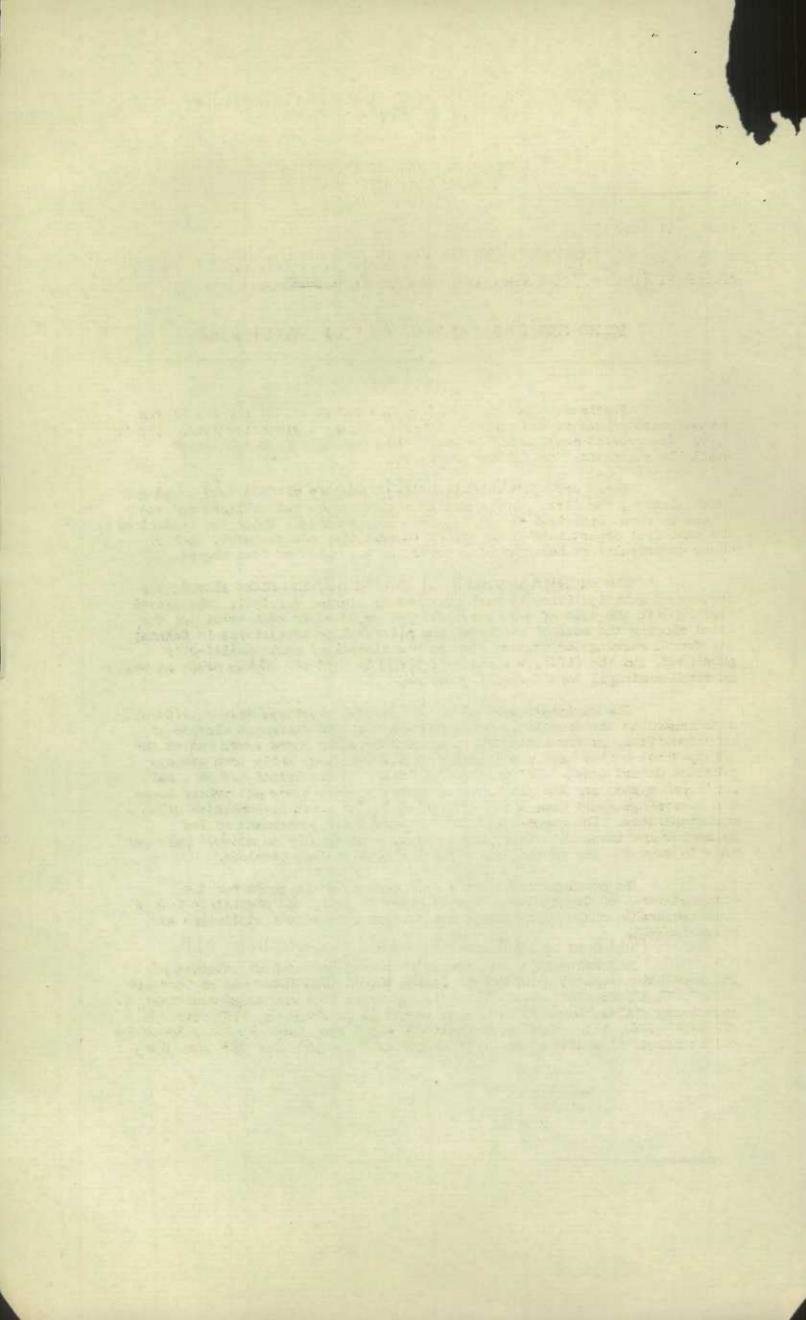
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## BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND RURAL MUNICIPALITIES.

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Previous bulletins issued by the Bureau on the subject of the bonded indebtedness of the municipalities in Canada covered the years 1919 to 1926. The present compilation covering the year 1927 gives the latest available statistics for all the provinces.

There are 4,131 municipalities in Canada divided into urban and rural classes, the first represented by cities, towns and villages and the second by rural municipalities, districts and counties. Under the control of the municipal departments of provinces wherein they are situated, each of these municipalities has borrowing powers of a greater or less degree.

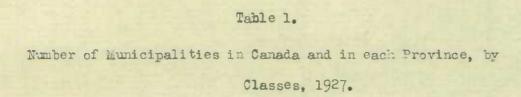
The bulletin is made up of five tables, the first showing the numbers of municipalities in each province by classes for 1927; the second dealing with the debt of all municipalities reported in each province; the third showing the debt of all urban and all rural municipalities in Canada; the fourth showing the debt of the various classes of municipalities by provinces, and the fifth, a summary of the total and per capita urban as well as rural municipal debt for each province.

The municipal systems of the several provinces vary considerably with regard to the erection and incorporation of the different classes of municipalities, as for instance, in British Columbia where seven out of the thirty-three cities have a population of 1,000 or less while town municipalities do not exist. The province of Prince Edward Island has no rural municipal system and the provincial government administers all public loans and borrowings apart from those contracted by the seven incorporated urban municipalities. The returns made to the provincial government of New Brunswick are incomplete from year to year, consequently no attempt has been made to show the per capita bonded indebtedness of that province.

In previous reports net debenture debt was shown for the municipalities of Saskatchewan, but in order to bring the statistics into a more comparable state with other provinces gross debenture statistics are shown in 1927.

A brief analysis of the total bonded debt for all classes of municipalities reporting throughout Canada showed that there was an increase of \$57,683,923 for 1927 over 1926. Of this total increase urban municipalities comprising cities, towns and villages showed an increase for 1927 over 1925 of \$48,154,986, while rural municipalities which comprised counties, townships and municipal districts showed an increase of \$9,528,937 for 1927 over 1926.

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Provinces	Cities	Towns	Villages	Counties	Rural Munici- palities	Local Improve- ment Districts	Total Number of Manuci- palities
Prince Edward Island	1	6	-	-			7
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	_	24		69
New Brunswick 1/	3	23	14	15	-		45
Quebec	24	96	288	74	2/ 992	-	1,474
Ontario	26	146	156	3/ 37	4/ 563	6.0	928
Mani toba	4	30	21	deab	120	-	175
Saskatchewan	8	79	5/ 372	-	301	18	778
Alberta	6	54	5/ 128	-	169	5/ 229	586
British Columbia	<b>3</b> 3		6	-	30	•	59
CANADA	107	477	975	126	2,199	247	4,131

<sup>1/</sup> From Census returns of 1921.

<sup>2/</sup> Including 9 independent rural municipalities.

<sup>3/</sup> There are 43 counties in all geographically, but a number of them are united for municipal purposes.

<sup>4/</sup> Officially known as townships.

<sup>5/</sup> Including six summer resort villages.

<sup>6/</sup> In the year 1926.

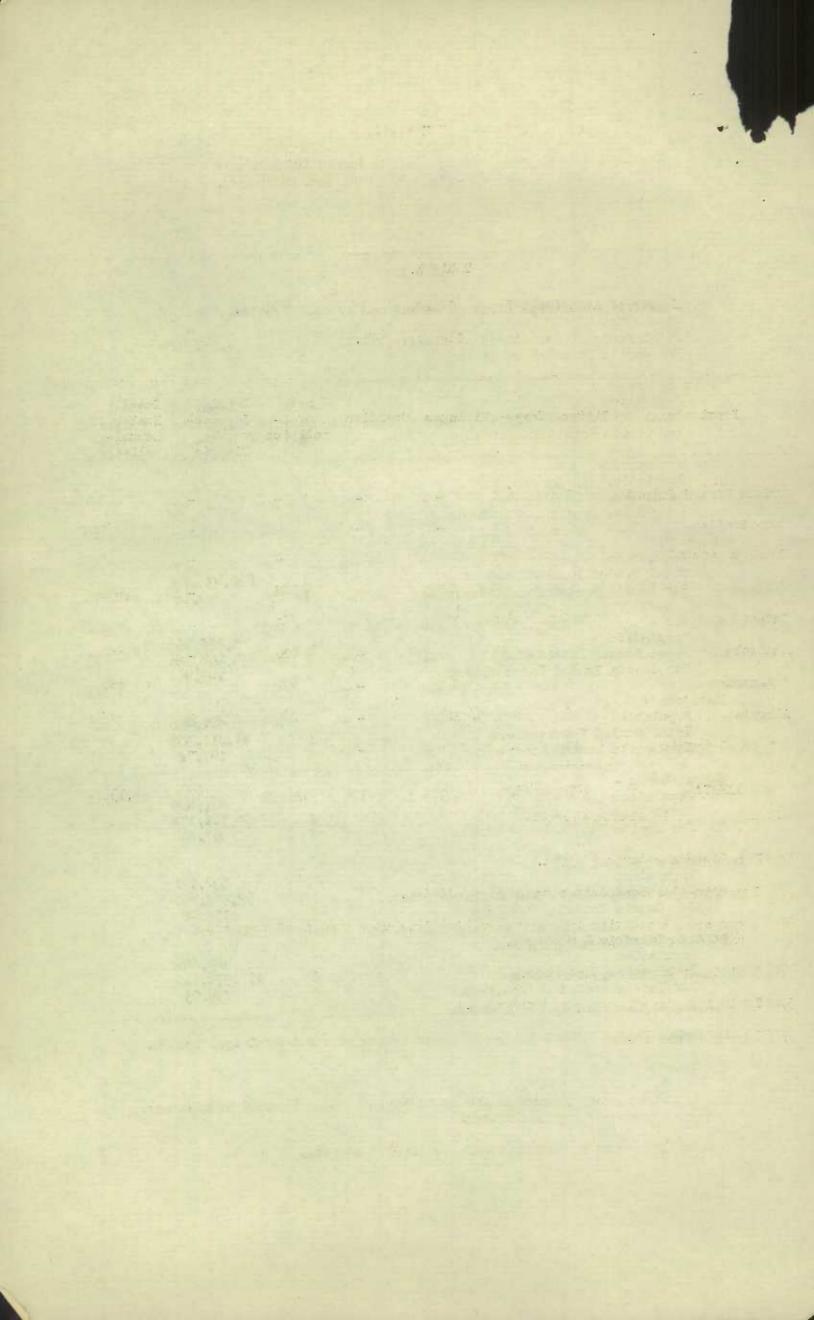


Table 2.

1927

Populations and Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of all Glasses of Municipalities by provinces, year 1927.

Province

Province		1927
Prime Edward Island - Population		
Total Bonded Indebtedness 1/ Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	1,452,425
Nova Scotia - Population 2/ Total Bonded Indebtedness Per Capi ta Bonded Indebtedness	\$	523,837 28,381,616 54.18
New Brunswick - Population 3/ Total Bonded Indebtedness Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness 3/	\$	15,707,699
Quebec - Population Total Bonded Indebtedness Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	<b>*</b>	2,888,677 260,435,420 90:16
Ontario - Population Total Bonded Indebtedness Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	<b>\$</b>	2,966,465 434,464,056 146,46
Manitoba Population Total Bended Indebtedness Ter Cepita Bonded Indebtedness	<b>\$</b>	561,386 83,017,302 147.88
Saskatchewan - Population Total Bonded Indebtedness Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	***	801,829 54,361,158 67.80
Alberta - Population Total Bonded Indebtedness 4/ Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 6	592,131 62,414,660 105.41
British Columbia - Population Total Bonded Indebtedness Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	**	449,209 107,376,118 239.03

<sup>1/</sup> Urban bonded indebtodness only there being no rural municipal system.

<sup>2/</sup> Census of 1921

<sup>3/</sup> Returns for New Brunswick are so incomplete that it would be misleading to show per capita figures.

<sup>14/</sup> Net debenture debt except for municipal districts.

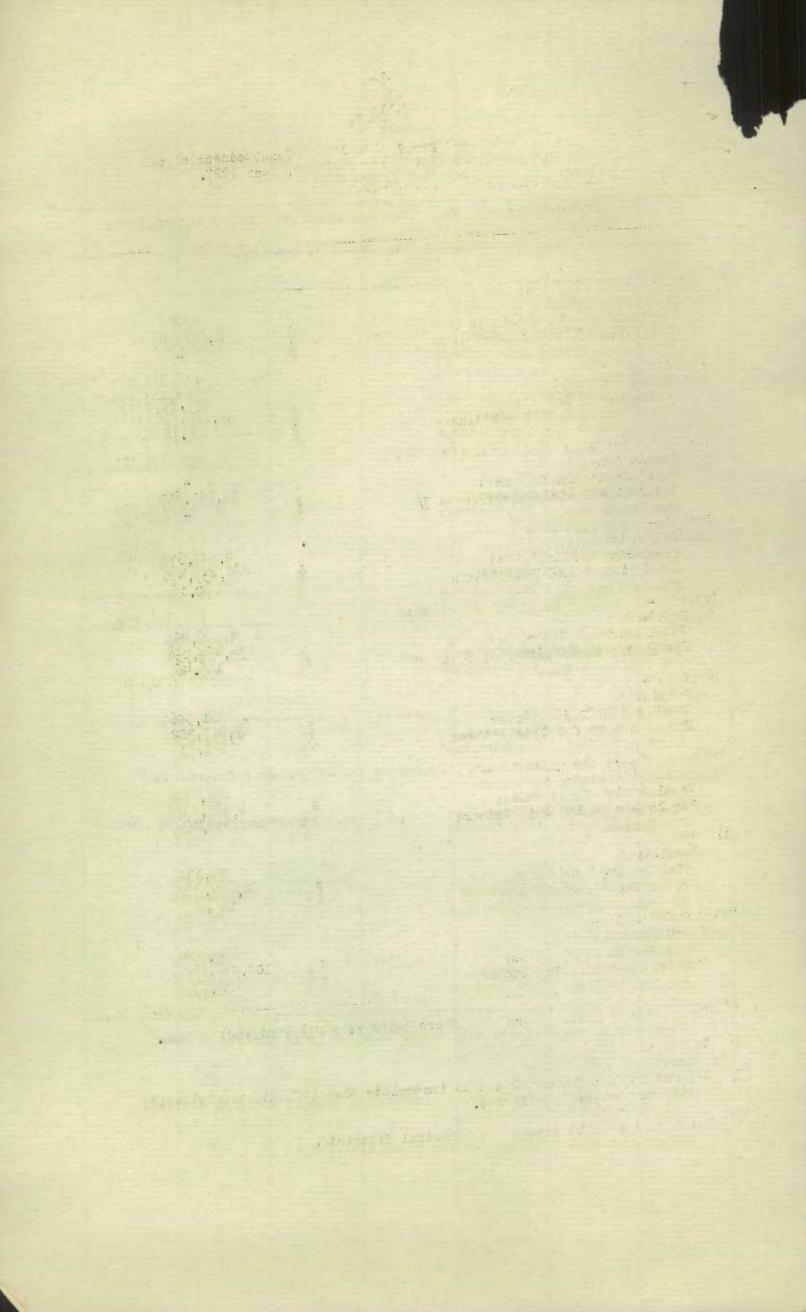


Table 3.

Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities

for all Provinces combined, year 1927.

	1927
	\$
Cities Towns	810,441,021
Villages 1/	118,953,393 569,761
Total Urban Municipalities	929,964,175
Rural Municipalities	2/ 63,673,492
Districts Municipal Districts	29,650,484 39,210
County Councils Counties	221,621 24,061,472
Total Rural Municipalities	117,646,279
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,047,610,454

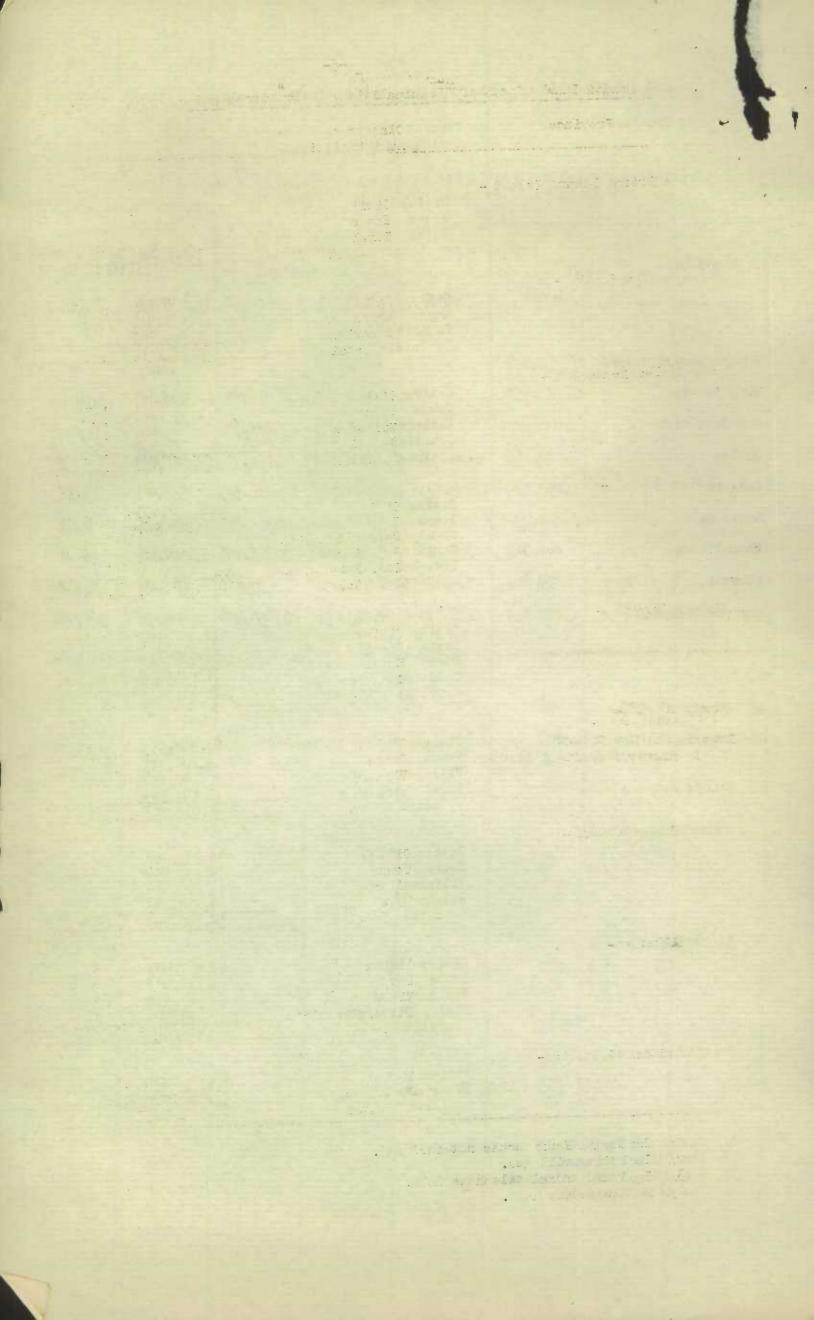
<sup>1/</sup> In Quebec the villages are included in counties and in Ontario they are included in towns.

<sup>2/</sup> Including \$24,000 Bonded Debt of Independent Rural Municipalities of Quebec.

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Provinces	Classes of Municipalities	1927		
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	Cities	1,191,300		
	Towns	261,125		
	Rural	and the same of th		
	To tal	1,452,425		
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va Scotia -	Cities	16,030,739		
	Towns 1/	10,837,910		
	Counties	1,512,967		
	Total	28,381,616		
T				
W Brunswick -	Cities	11,985,217		
	Towns	3,359,882		
	Villages	80,000		
	Counties	282,600		
	Total	15,707,699		
ebec -	Cities	225,446,608		
	Towns	26,906,106		
	County Councils	221,621		
	Counties	6,837,085		
	Ind. Rural Mun.	24,000		
	Total	260, 435, 420		
tario -				
carro =	Cities	310,952,920		
	Towns 2/	65,709,577		
	Rural	42, 372, 739		
	Counties	15.428.820		
	Total	434,464,056		
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ni toba -	Cities	67,567,935		
	Towns	3,201,721		
	Villages	90,150		
	Rural	12,157,496		
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skatchewan -	Cities	38,973,268		
	Towns	5,938,994		
	Villages	329.639		
	Rural 3/	9,119,257 5 <sup>4</sup> ,361,158		
	Total	54,361,158		
h an ta				
berta -	Cities 4/	59,567,400		
	Towns 4/	2,738,078		
	Villages 4/	69,972		
	Munic. Districts	39,210		
	Total	62,414.560		
think Anlantin				
itish Columbia -	Cities	77,725.634		
	Districts	29,650,454		
	Total	107.376,118		

<sup>1/</sup> Dartmouth Ferry bonds not included.
2/ Including villages.
3/ Including rural telephone debt.
4/ Net debenture debt.



Populations. Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of Urban and Rural Municipalities by Provinces for the year 1927.

Provinces	Popu	lation		Bonded edness	Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	
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Prince Edward Island	1/ 19.093	-	1,452,425		75.07	-
Nova Scotia	1/ 227,038	295,799	26,868,649	1,512,967	118.34	5.10
New Brunswick 2/	-	death	15.425,099	282,600	-	_
Quebec	1,674,166	1,214,511	253, 352, 714	7,082,706	151.33	5.83
Ontario	1,883,594	1,082,871	376,662,497	57,801,559	199.97	53.38
Mani toba	288,974	272,412	70,859,806	12,157,496	245,21	44.63
Saskatchewan	248,319	553,510	45,241,901	9,119,257	182.19	16.48
Alberta	253,617	338, 514	3/62,375,450	39,210	245.94	.12
British Columbia	272,435	176,774	77,725,63	29,650,484	285.30	167.73

<sup>1/</sup> Census of 1921.

<sup>2/</sup> Returns for New Brunswick are so incomplete that it would be misleading to show per capita figures.

<sup>3/</sup> Net debenture debt.

