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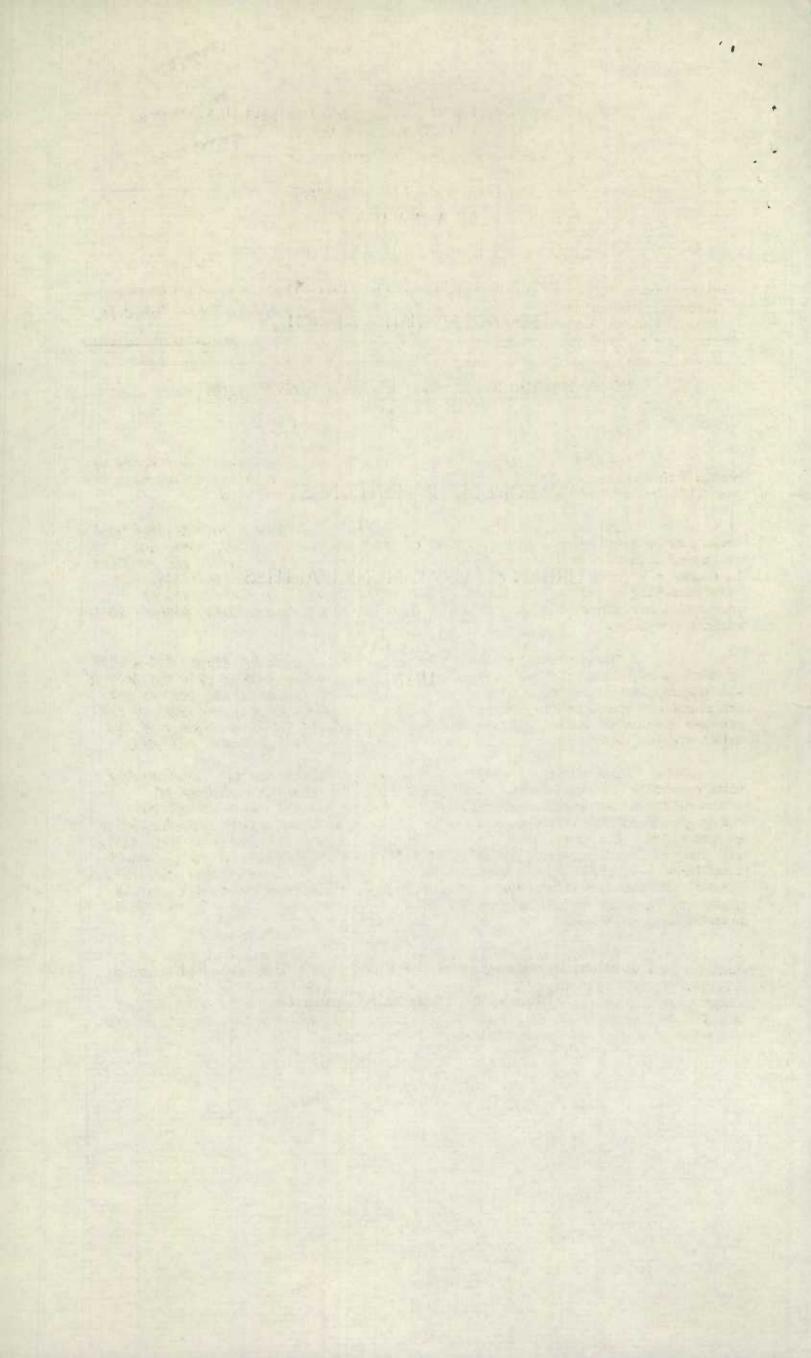
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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND RURAL MUNICIPALITIES.

1928.

The Bureau herewith presents its annual bulletin on the subject of bonded indebtedness of the municipalities in Canada. The statistics deal with the year 1928, which is the latest for which information is available.

The municipalities numbering 4,148 in all Canada, are divided into urban and rural classes. The first named class represents cities, towns and villages, while the second comprises rural municipalities, districts and counties. In almost all cases, particularly with regard to organized municipalities, they have borrowing powers of a greater or less degree subject to the control of provincial government departments supervising or directing municipal affairs in the various provinces.

There are five tables in the bulletin, the first giving the number by classes of municipalities in each province; 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 eight 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 administer. 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.

A brief analysis of the total bonded debt for all classes of municipalities reporting throughout Canada showed that there was an increase of \$29,395,077 for 1928 over 1927. Of this total increase urban municipalities comprising cities, towns and villages showed an increase for 1928 over 1927 of \$23,124,958, while rural municipalities which comprised counties, townships and municipal districts showed an increase of \$6,270,119 for 1928 over 1927.

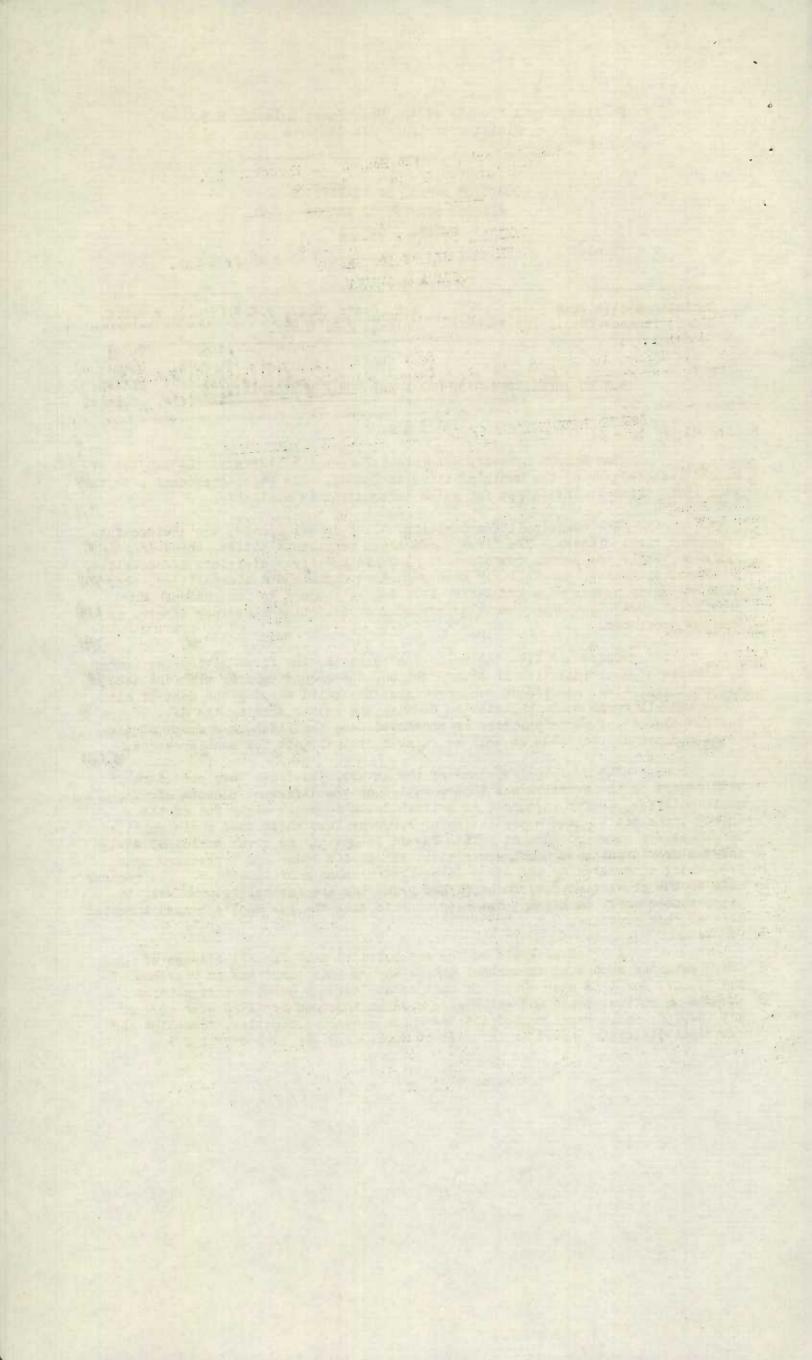


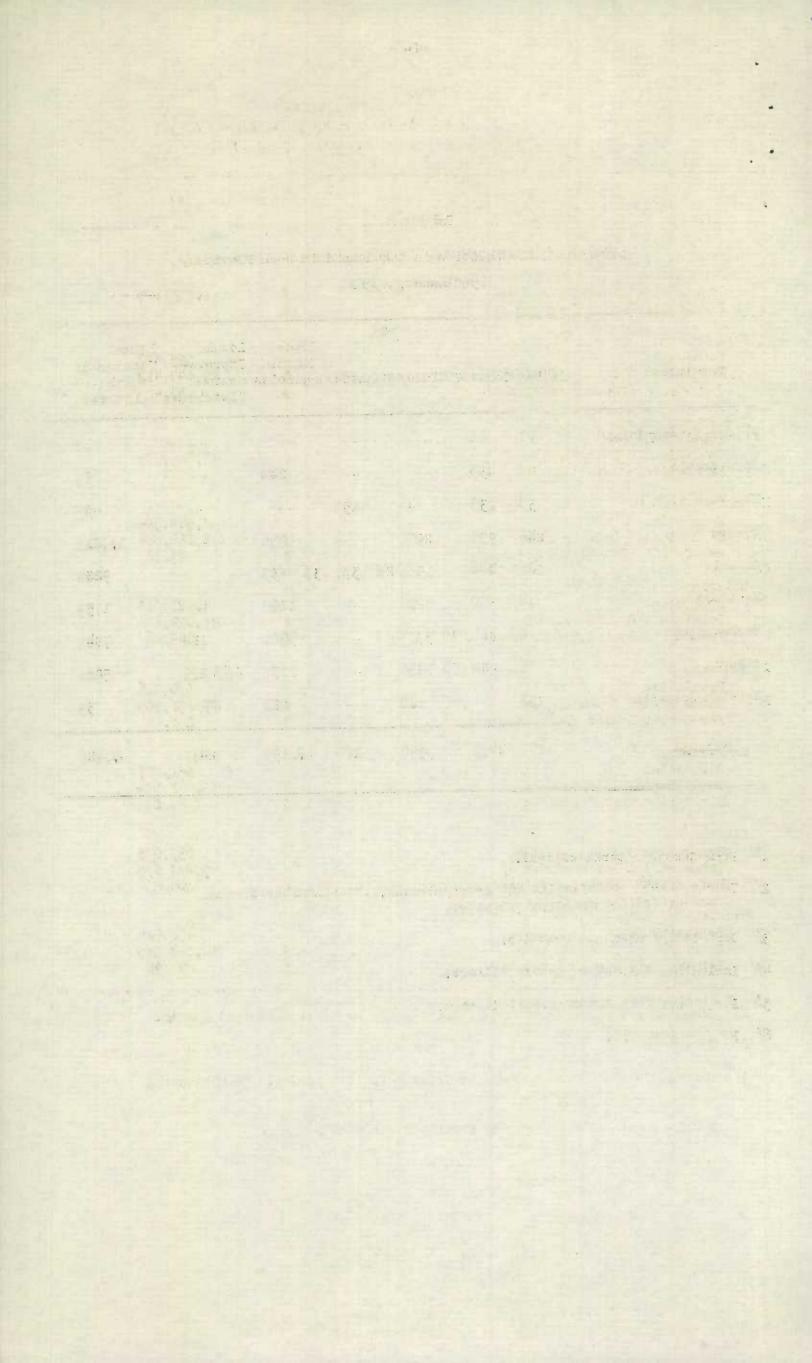
Table 1.

Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province, by Classes, 1928.

Provinces	Cities	Towns		Counties	Rural Munici- palities	Local Improve- ment Districts	Total Number of Hunici- palities
Prince Edward Island	1	6	-	-	-	-	7]
Nova Scotia	2	43	-		24		69 121
New Brunswick 1/	3	23	4	15	-		45
Quebec	24	97	290	74	996	-	1,481
Ontario	26	146	156	2. 37	3/ 563	net	928
Manitoba	4	30	21		120		175
Saskatchewan	8	80	4/ 377	528 -	301 5	88 18	784 1545
Alberta	6	54	5 / 130 /	-	167	6/229	586
British Columbia	33	-	12	-	28	mé	73
CANADA	107	479	990	126	2,199	247	4,148

1/ From Census returns of 1921.

- 2/ There are 44 counties in all geographically, but a number of them are united for municipal purposes.
- 3/ Officially known as townships.
- 4/ Including six summer resort villages.
- 5/ Including five summer resort villages.
- 6/ In the year 1926.



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Province		1928
Prince Edward Island - Population Total Bonded Indebtedness 1/ Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	1,515,125
Nova Scotia - Population 2/ Total Bonded Indebtedness Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	5 23,83 7 29,049,412 55.46
New Brunswick - Population 3/ Total Bonded Indebtedness Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness 3/	(3)	19,365,535
Quebec - Population Total Bonded Indebtedness Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 1	2,988,329 27 8,8 64,744 93.32
Ontario - Population Total Bonded Indebtedness Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	3,021,61 8 435,912,807 144,26
Manitoba - Population Total Bonded Indebtedness Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	69-69-	564,716 85,651,906 151.67
Saskatchewan - Population Total Bonded Indebtedness Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	4 3 45	831, 527 53,092,330 63.85
Alberta - Population Total Bonded Indebtedness 4/ Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	633,03 8 63,428,853 100,20
British Columbia - Population Total Bonded Indebtedness Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	498,525 110,124,819 220,90

Fopulations and Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of all Glasses of Municipalities by provinces, year 1923.

1/ Urban bonded indebtedness only, there being no rural municipal system.

2/ Census of 1921.

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

4/ Not debenture debt except for municipal districts.

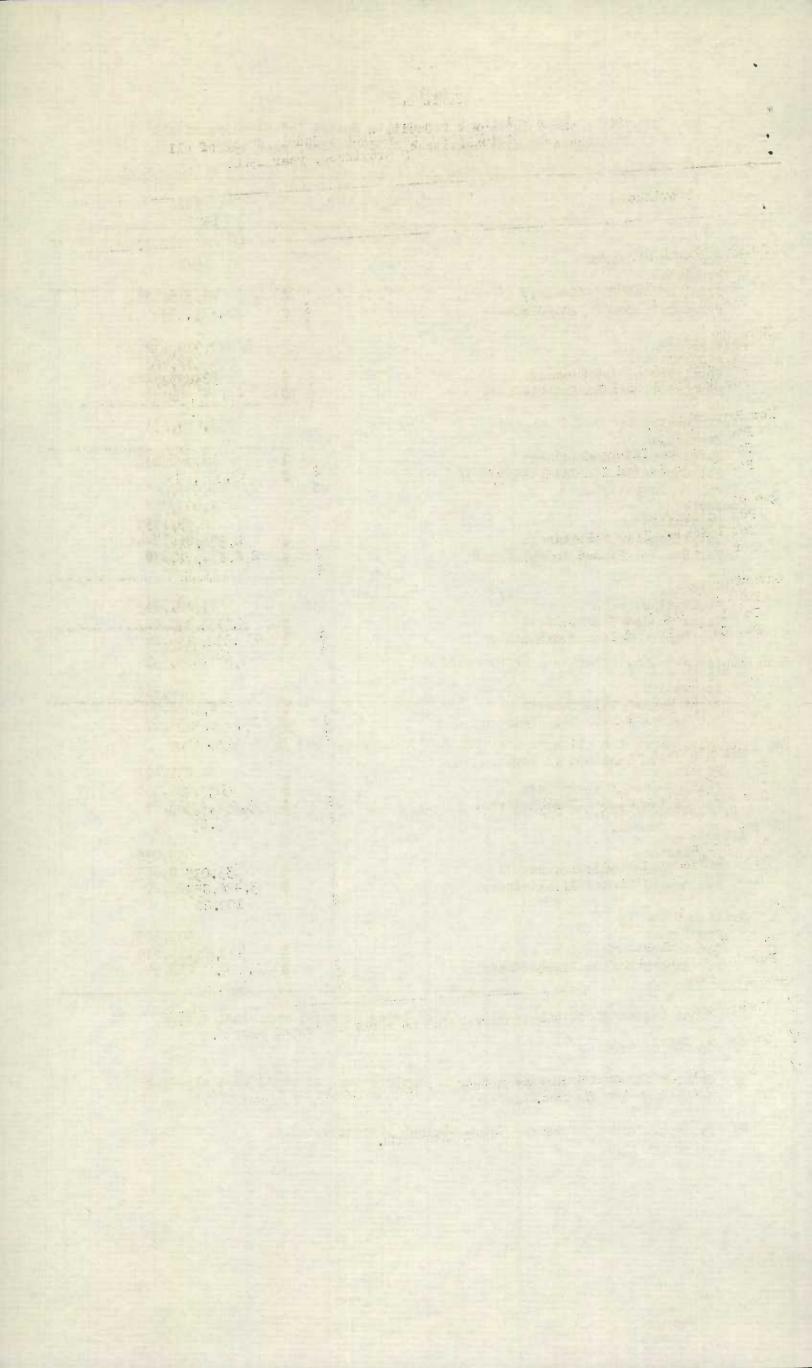


Table 3.

Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Hrban and Rural Municipalities for all Provinces combined, year 1928.

	1928
	\$
Cities Towns Villages 1/	822,924,132 129,622,726 542,275
Total Urban Municipalities	953,089,133
Rural Municipalities Districts Municipal Districts County Councils Counties	2/ 65,056,620 32,093,357 33,163 201,950 26,531,308
Total Rural Municipalities	123,916,398
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,077,005,531

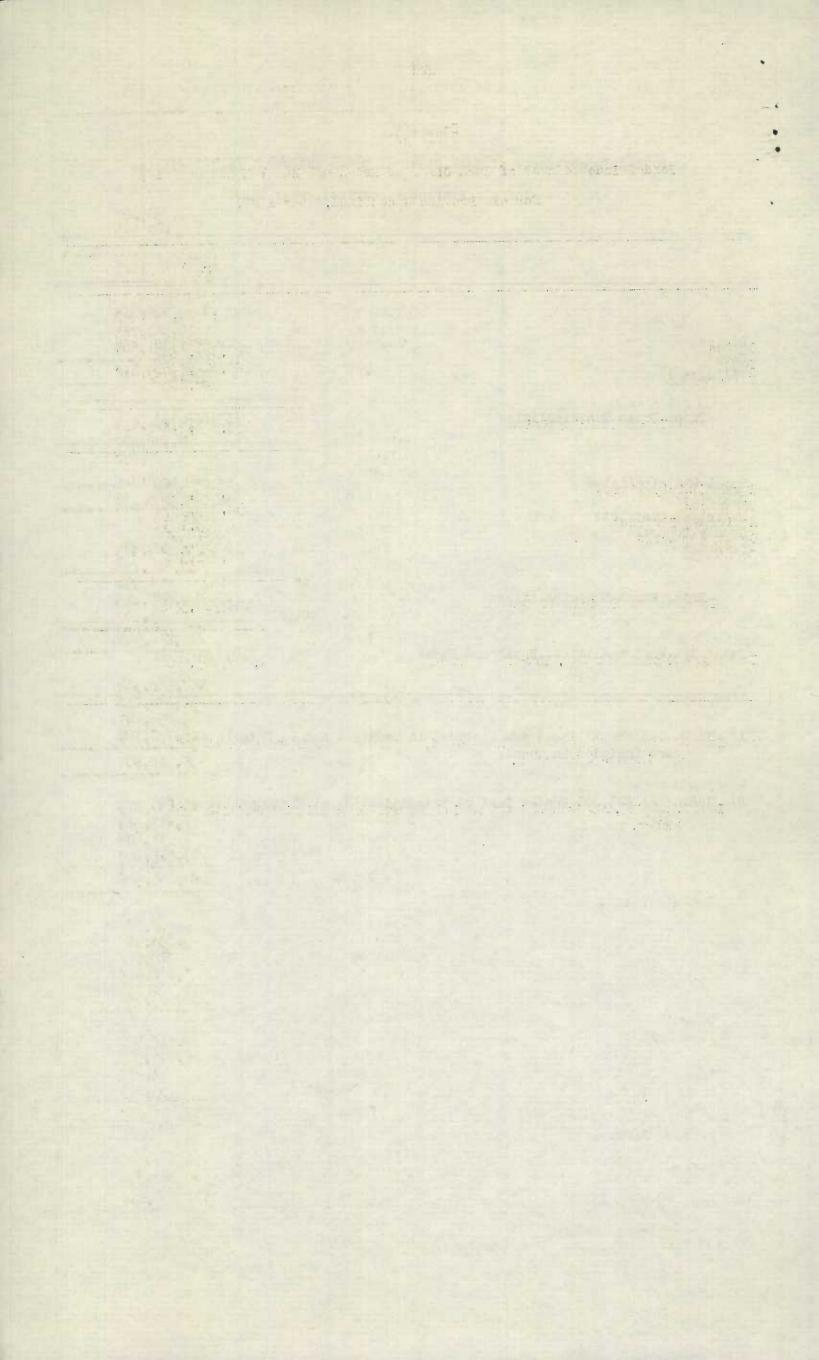
1/ In Quebec the villages are included in counties and in Ontario they are included in towns.

2/ Including \$23,000 Bonded Debt of Independent Rural Municipalities of Quebec.

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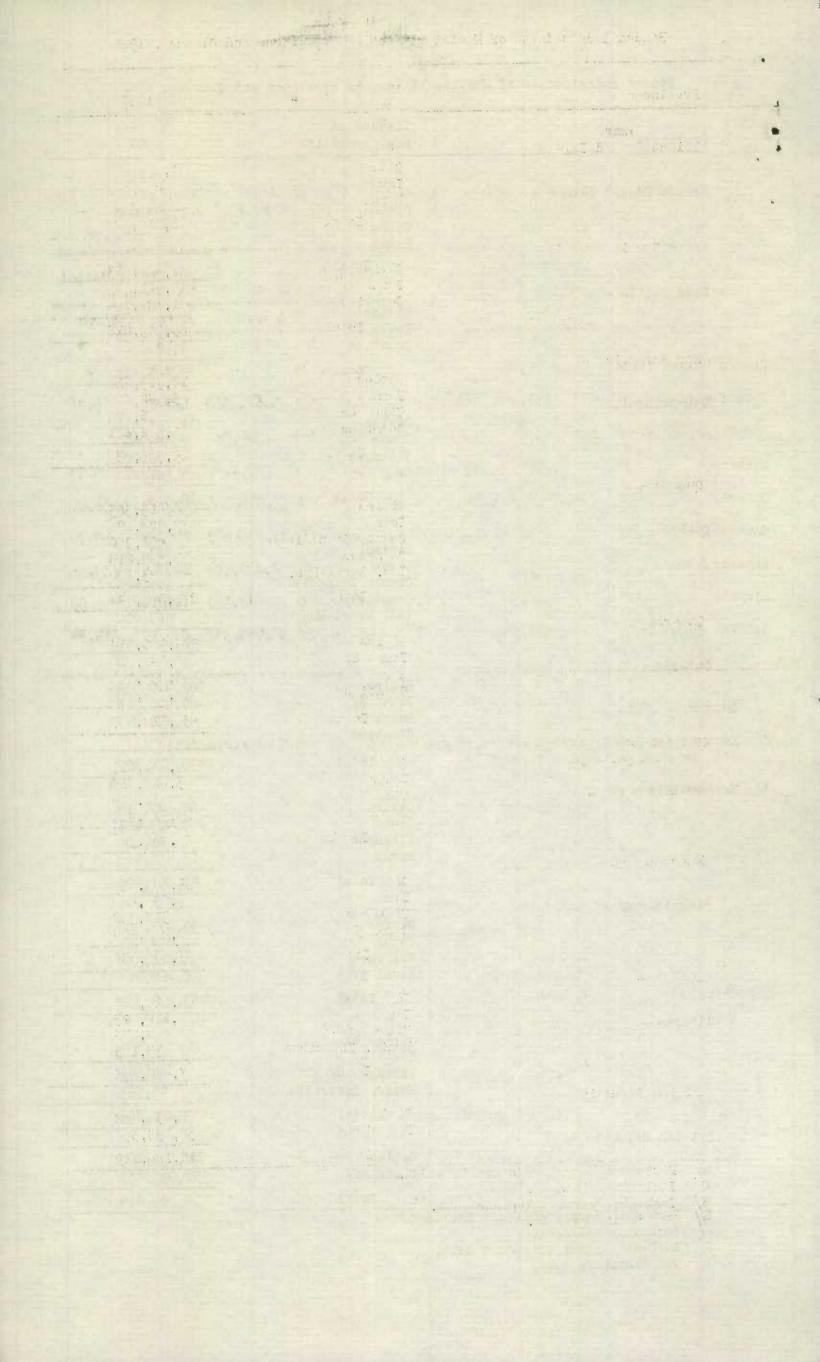
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Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1925

Provinces	Classes of Aunicipalities	1928
		\$
Prince Edward Island 9		
	Cities	1,253,000
	Towns	262,125
	Rural	
	Total	1,515,125
Nova Scotia -		
	Cities	16,446,06
	Towns 1/	10,981,785
	Counties	1,621,561
	Total	29,049,412
New Brunswick -	Cities	12 715 01)
	Towns	12,315,91 ¹ 5,382,800
	Villages	78,000
	Counties	1,588,821
	Total	19,365,535
Quebec -	ai hi an	
	Cities Towns	238,083,383 32,985,196
	County Councils	201,950
	Counties	7,570,215
	Ind. Rural Mun.	23,000
	Total	278,864,744
Ontario -		
	Cities	307,960,334
	Towns 2/	68,946,518
	Rural	43,255,247
	Counties	15,750,708
	Total	435,912,807
Manitoba -		
	Cities	68,641,019
	Towns	3,413,813
	Villages Rural	81,60 5 13,515,469
	Total	
	TOTAL	\$5,651,906
Saskatchewan -	Cities	70 1177 550
	Towns	39, 477,550 5,033,484
	Villages	318,392
	Rural 3/	8,262,904
	Total	53,092,330
Alberta -		
	Cities 4/	60,715,407
	Towns 4/	2, 516, 605
	Villages 4/	64,278
	liunic. Districts	33,163
	Total	63,428,853
British Columbia -		
	Cities	78,031,462
	Districts	32,093,357
	Total	110,124,819

3/ Including rural telephone debt.4/ Net debenture debt.



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Province	. Population		. Total Bondo Indebtedne:	Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness		
	Urban	Rural	Urban Rural		Urban	Rural
			Ś	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	1/ 19:093	-	1.515.125	-	79.35	-
Nova Scotia 1/	227,038	295,792	27, 427, 848	1,621,564	120.81	5.46
New Brunswick 2/	-	-	17,776,714	1,588,821		~
Quebec	1,756.365	1,231,964	271,069,579	7,795,165	154.34	6.33
Ontario	1,930,354	1,091,264	376,906,852	59,005,955	195.25	54.07
Manitoba	293,243	271,473	72,136,437	13,515,469	245,99	49.79
Saskatchewan	263,644	567.883	414, 829, 426	8,262,904	170.04	14.55
Alberta	276,709	356,329	3/63, 395, 690	33,163	229.11	. 09
British Columbia	377,345	121,180	78.031,462	32,093,357	206.79	264.84

Populations, Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of Hrban and Rural Municipalities by Provinces for the year 1928.

1/ Census of 1921.

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

3/ Net debenture debt.

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