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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND RURAL MUNICIPALITIES.

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The Bureau presents its annual bulletin dealing with the Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities in Canada for the year 1930. These statistics are taken from returns made by the various municipal governments and represent the latest available information.

There were 4,207 municipalities in Canada in 1930, divided into urban and rural classes. Cities, towns and villages represented the urban class, while rural municipalities, districts and counties comprised the rural class.

Municipal governments possess borrowing powers which are more or less under the restriction of their respective provincial governments. Like other governing bodies they have used their powers in this connection somewhat freely and owing to the economic stress of the present day the statistics will be of interest in showing the financial indebtedness of municipal life.

The Bulletin is made up of six tables, 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 rural municipalities in Canada; the fourth showing the debt of the various classes of municipalities by provinces; the fifth, a summary of the total and per capita urban as well as rural municipal debt for each province and the sixth showing the total bonded indebtedness of all municipalities by provinces for the years 1919-1930 inclusive.

In Tables 2 and 5 the populations for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are taken from the census returns for 1931. There being no municipal estimates of population for these provinces for 1930 the per capita figures are worked out on the basis of the census for 1931.

The municipal systems of the several provinces vary considerably with regard to the creation 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 administers all public loans and borrowings apart from those contracted by the seven incorporated urban municipalities.

The sixth summary table is of particular value as it shows comparatively the increase from 1919 to 1930. Similar to the case of the federal and provincial governments there has been a popular demand in the later years for improvements of public services, such as highways and other public works, educational, charitable and social institutions, all of which involved heavy expenditures. Wages and the cost of materials following the war period were greatly increased and as municipal revenue would not meet the charges of these new or improved services debenture issues were generously resorted to as evidenced by the statistics given in this table.

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Table 1.

Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province,
by Classes, 1930.

Provinces	Cities	Towns	Villages	Counties	Rural Munici- palities	Local Improve- ment Districts	Total Number of Munici- palities
Prince Edward Island	1	6	-	-	-	-	7
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	-	24	-	69
New Brunswick	3	19	2	15	-	-	39
Quebec	25	97	298	74	1,010	-	1,504
Ontario	28	145	154	1/ 38	2/ 573	-	938
Manitoba	4	30	22	-	120	-	176
Saskatchewan	8	80	3/ 384	-	302	18	792
Alberta	7	54	3/ 146	-	166	234	607
British Columbia	33	-	14	-	28	-	75
CANADA	111	474	1,020	127	2,223	252	4,207

1/ There are forty-four counties in all, geographically, but six of them
are united for municipal purposes.

2/ Officially known as townships.

3/ Includes six summer resort villages.

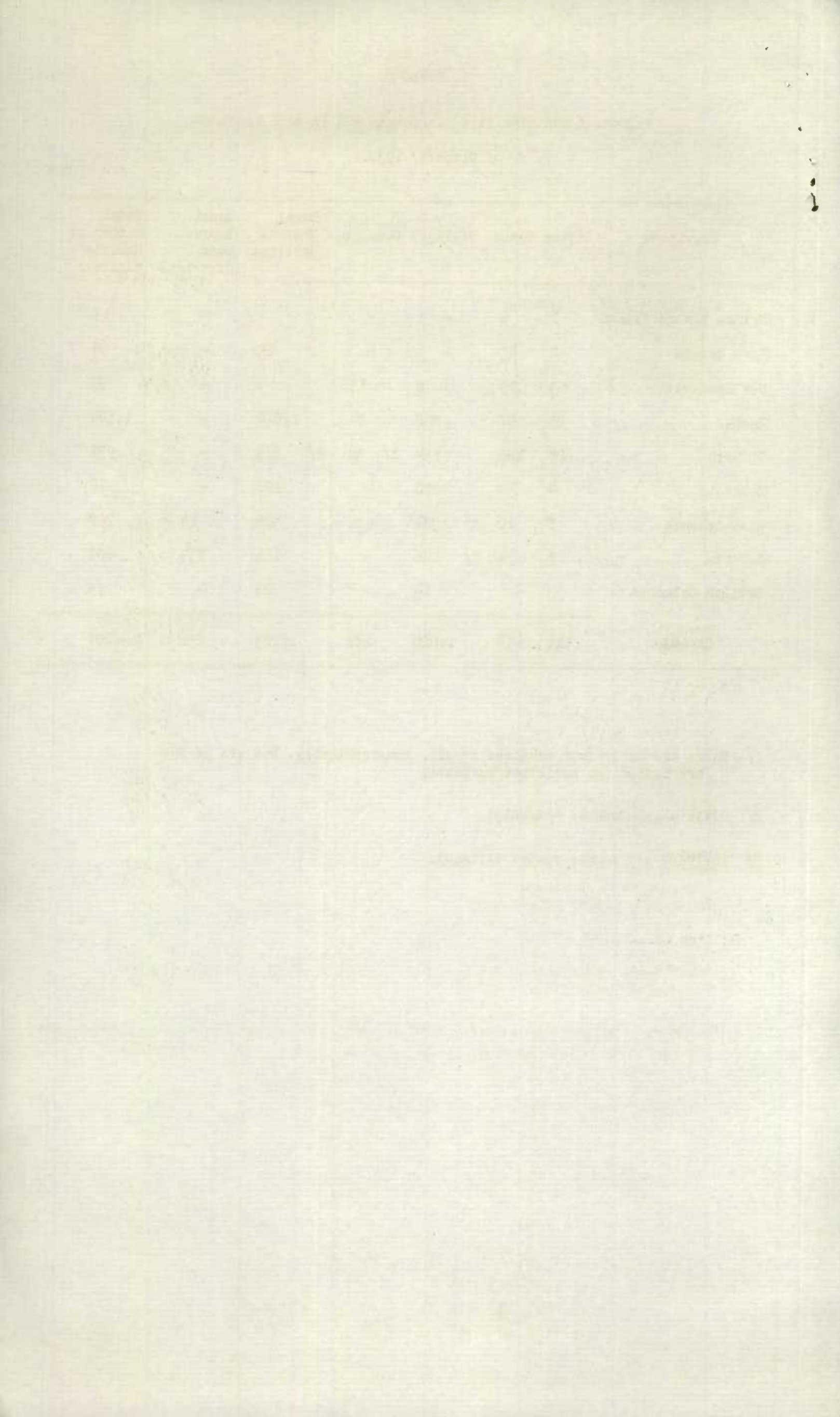


Table 2.

Populations and Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of all
Classes of Municipalities, by provinces, year 1930.

Provinces		1930
Prince Edward Island 1/ -		
Population		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	1,863,211
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	-
Nova Scotia - 2/		
Population		512,846
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	30,182,264
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	58.86
New Brunswick 2/ -		
Population		408,219
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	20,565,998
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	50.38
Quebec -		
Population		3,089,911
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	323,395,745
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	104.66
Ontario -		
Population		3,141,633
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	485,280,182
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	154.47
Manitoba -		
Population		574,432
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	84,879,707
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	147.76
Saskatchewan -		
Population		874,426
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	59,000,183
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	67.52
Alberta -		
Population		663,872
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	78,645,803
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	118.47
British Columbia -		
Population		499,365
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	125,832,088
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	251.98

1/ Urban Bonded Indebtedness only, there being no rural municipal system.

2/ Population and per capita figures Census of 1931.

Table 2.

Estimated and Actual Production of All
Cotton in the United States, 1920-1930.

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Table 3.

Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, year 1930.

	1930
	\$
Cities	954,284,067
Towns	135,161,045
Villages 1/	518,157
Total Urban Municipalities	1,089,963,269
Rural Municipalities	2/ 73,796,744
Districts	13,331,900
Municipal Districts	22,100
County Councils	236,754
Counties	32,294,414
Total Rural Municipalities	119,681,912
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,209,645,181

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

2/ Including \$20,875 Bonded Debt of Independent Rural Municipalities of Quebec.

Table 4.

Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1930.

Provinces		1930
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	1,583,100
	Towns	280,111
	Rural	-
	Total	1,863,211
Nova Scotia -	Cities	16,897,417
	Towns 1/	11,779,830
	Municipalities	1,505,017
	Total	30,182,264
New Brunswick -	Cities	13,113,811
	Towns 2/	5,851,400
	Counties	1,600,787
	Total	20,565,998
Quebec -	Cities	275,083,172
	Towns	35,227,562
	County Councils	236,754
	Counties 3/	12,827,382
	Ind. Rural Mun.	20,875
	Total	323,395,745
Ontario -	Cities	344,604,031
	Towns 4/	71,064,101
	Rural	51,745,805
	Counties	17,866,245
	Total	485,280,182
Manitoba -	Cities	68,268,034
	Towns	3,497,305
	Villages	83,453
	Rural	13,030,915
	Total	84,879,707
Saskatchewan -	Cities	46,130,049
	Towns	5,017,628
	Villages	358,374
	Rural 5/	7,494,132
	Total	59,000,183
Alberta -	Cities	76,104,265
	Towns	2,443,108
	Villages	76,330
	Municipal Districts	22,100
	Total	78,645,803
British Columbia -	Cities	112,500,188
	Districts	13,331,900
	Total	125,832,088

- 1/ Dartmouth Ferry bonds not included.
 2/ Includes \$53,000 for two villages.
 3/ Includes "Loans on obligations or notes."
 4/ Includes villages.
 5/ Includes Rural Telephone Debt.

MEMORANDUM

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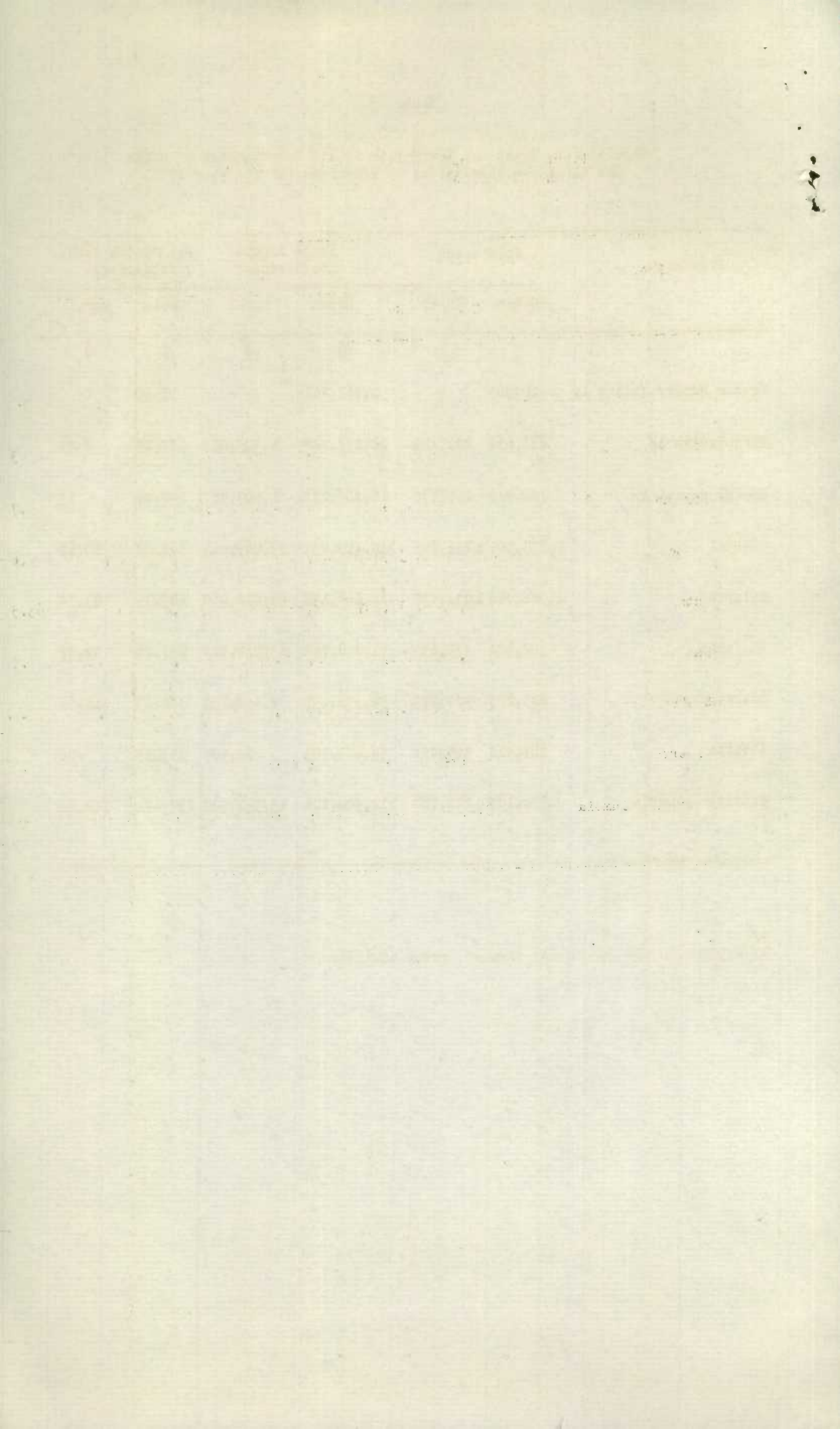
Table 5.

Populations, Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of Urban and Rural Municipalities, by Provinces for the year 1930.

Provinces	Population		Total Bonded Indebtedness		Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island 1/	20,385	-	1,863,211	-	91.40	-
Nova Scotia 1/	231,654	281,192	28,677,247	1,505,017	123.79	5.35
New Brunswick 1/	128,940	279,279	18,965,211	1,600,787	147.09	5.73
Quebec	1,858,106	1,231,805	310,310,734	13,085,011	167.00	10.62
Ontario	2,046,096	1,095,537	415,668,132	69,612,050	203.15	63.54
Manitoba	302,802	271,630	71,848,792	13,030,915	237.28	47.97
Saskatchewan	285,153	589,273	51,506,051	7,494,132	180.63	12.72
Alberta	287,421	376,451	78,623,703	22,100	273.55	.06
British Columbia	378,185	121,180	112,500,188	13,331,900	297.47	110.02

1/ 1931 Census.

1/ Population and per capita figures Census of 1931.



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Table 6.

Total Bonded Indebtedness of all Classes of Municipalities, by Provinces,
1919 - 1930.

Year	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatche- wan	Alberta	British Columbia	Totals
1919	970,100	17,863,881	11,128,467	171,168,650	243,226,877	55,562,788	39,585,388	66,870,464	94,741,615	701,118,230
1920	1,086,500	19,192,462	10,841,466	190,204,326	269,727,271	57,820,588	34,989,751	57,205,275	96,107,911	737,175,550
1921	1,202,200	22,451,743	7,578,567	194,877,251	317,613,283	65,463,239	35,040,336	53,429,558	97,495,984	795,152,161
1922	1,254,900	23,541,759	10,025,633	207,883,993	349,276,606	68,811,040	52,787,655	60,832,650	98,761,630	873,175,866
1923	1,290,800	24,248,782	7,974,362	214,260,791	376,512,002	73,908,963	51,719,648	70,999,611	96,273,987	917,188,946
1924	1,143,550	25,348,664	17,350,225	230,424,908	430,010,501	73,944,105	49,448,911	65,414,317	96,106,151	989,191,332
1925	1,163,050	25,722,635	10,660,863	231,358,779	405,178,853	79,211,867	46,732,040	57,908,593	99,055,201	956,991,881
1926	1,247,545	26,281,152	17,091,550	246,541,730	413,474,813	80,716,272	44,769,529	56,950,712	102,853,228	989,926,531
1927	1,452,425	28,381,616	15,707,699	260,435,420	434,464,056	83,017,302	54,361,158	62,414,660	107,376,118	1,047,610,454
1928	1,515,125	29,049,412	19,365,535	278,864,744	435,912,807	85,651,906	53,092,330	63,428,853	110,124,819	1,077,005,531
1929	1,598,624	29,029,119	21,129,540	293,557,500	451,936,592	85,901,404	54,913,100	78,473,392	118,483,618	1,135,022,889
1930	1,863,211	30,182,264	20,565,998	323,395,745	485,280,182	84,879,707	59,000,183	78,645,803	125,832,088	1,209,645,181

