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GROSS BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND
RURAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1938.

Public interest in the financial activities of government in Canada has been very marked during the last decade. The depression years, the unemployment and relief problem, followed by the war placed an unprecedented strain on the public treasuries.

The Bureau has endeavoured to meet the demands for data relative to Public Revenues, Expenditures, Taxation and Debt by publishing from time to time summarized statements compiled from the most reliable Municipal, Provincial and Dominion Government sources of information.

The bulletin herewith presented gives a series of statements showing municipal bonded indebtedness and sinking funds for the year 1938. The final table gives a survey of gross total bonded indebtedness of all municipalities in each province covering the years 1919 to 1938.

Table 1.
Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province,
by classes, 1938.

| Provinces | Cities | Towns | Vill- ages | Coun- ties | Rural Munici- palities | Local Improve- ment Dis- tricts | Subur- ban Munici- palities | Total Number of Munici- palities |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Prince Edward Island | 1 | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| Nova Scotia | 2 | 43 | - | - | 24 | - | - | 69 |
| New Brunswick | 3 | 20 | 2 | 15 | - | - | - | 40 |
| Quebec | 26 | 107 | 303 | 76 | 1,048 | - | - | 1,560 |
| Ontario | 27 | 148 | 156 | 1/38 | 2/571 | - | - | 940 |
| Manitoba | 4 | 3/31 | 22 | - | 112 | - | 5 | 174 |
| Saskatchewan | 8 | 82 | 4/382 | - | 302 | 82 | - | 856 |
| Alberta | 7 | 53 | 4/146 | - | 151 | 5/240 | - | 597 |
| British Columbia | 33 | - | 19 | - | 28 | - | - | 80 |
| CANADA | 111 | 491 | 1,030 | 129 | 2,236 | 322 | 5 | 4,324 |

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 1938 not available.

Table 2.

Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness with Sinking Funds Offsetting, and Net Total Bonded Indebtedness of all Municipalities, by Provinces, Year 1938.

| Provinces | 1938 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| | \$ |
| Prince Edward Island 1/ - | |
| Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness | 2,924,650 |
| Less Sinking Funds Offsetting | 471,643 |
| Net Total Bonded Indebtedness | 2,453,007 |
| Nova Scotia - | |
| Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness | 35,107,542 |
| Less Sinking Funds Offsetting | 12,965,781 |
| Net Total Bonded Indebtedness | 22,141,761 |
| New Brunswick - | |
| Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness | 26,351,143 |
| Less Sinking Funds Offsetting | 8,202,400 |
| Net Total Bonded Indebtedness | 18,148,743 |
| Quebec - | |
| Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness | 513,137,878 |
| Less Sinking Funds Offsetting | 82,392,458 |
| Net Total Bonded Indebtedness | 430,745,420 |
| Ontario - | |
| Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness | 404,290,461 |
| Less Sinking Funds Offsetting | 61,669,139 |
| Net Total Bonded Indebtedness | 342,621,322 |
| Manitoba - | |
| Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness | 91,867,809 |
| Less Sinking Funds Offsetting | 44,644,755 |
| Net Total Bonded Indebtedness | 47,223,054 |
| Saskatchewan - | |
| 2/ Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness | 54,440,737 |
| 3/ Less Sinking Funds Offsetting | 19,512,450 |
| 2/ Net Total Bonded Indebtedness | 34,928,287 |
| Alberta - | |
| Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness | 52,910,982 |
| Less Sinking Funds Offsetting | 9,630,128 |
| Net Total Bonded Indebtedness | 43,280,854 |
| British Columbia - | |
| Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness | 121,170,198 |
| Less Sinking Funds Offsetting | 30,246,921 |
| Net Total Bonded Indebtedness | 90,923,277 |
| <u>Grand Total All Provinces</u> | |
| Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness | 1,302,201,400 |
| Less Sinking Funds Offsetting | 269,735,675 |
| Net Total Bonded Indebtedness | 1,032,465,725 |

- 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 1938.

| | 1 9 3 8 |
|---|---------------|
| | \$ |
| Cities | 1,004,003,902 |
| Towns | 111,658,490 |
| Villages 1/ | 11,083,329 |
| Suburban Municipalities | 8,839,185 |
| Total Urban Municipalities | 1,135,584,906 |
| Rural Municipalities | 59,404,790 |
| Districts | 12,597,144 |
| Municipal Districts | 6,616 |
| Counties | 16,254,482 |
| Total Rural Municipalities | 88,263,032 |
| Total School Debt, All Municipalities of Quebec (not separable by classes) | 78,353,462 |
| Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural | 1,302,201,400 |

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

Table 4.

| Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1938. | | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Provinces | | 1 9 3 8 |
| | | \$ |
| Prince Edward Island - | Cities | 2,194,850 |
| | Towns | 729,800 |
| | Rural | |
| | Total | 2,924,650 |
| Nova Scotia - | Cities | 19,170,282 |
| | Towns | 13,877,360 |
| | Municipalities | 2,059,900 |
| | Total | 35,107,542 |
| New Brunswick - | Cities | 14,678,080 |
| | Towns | 6,883,050 |
| | Villages | 84,300 |
| | Counties | 4,705,713 |
| | Total | 26,351,143 |
| Quebec - | Cities | 383,050,527 |
| | Towns | 40,006,937 |
| | Rural Municipalities | 11,726,952 |
| | Total | 434,784,416 |
| | School Debt, All Municipalities 1/ | 78,353,462 |
| | Total including School Debt | 513,137,878 |
| Ontario - | Cities | 306,428,684 |
| | Towns | 40,663,345 |
| | Villages | 10,497,479 |
| | Rural | 35,152,184 |
| | Counties | 11,548,769 |
| | Total | 404,290,461 |
| Manitoba | Cities | 73,272,937 |
| | Towns | 3,310,174 |
| | Villages | 251,503 |
| | Suburban Municipalities | 8,839,185 |
| | Rural | 6,194,010 |
| | Total | 91,867,809 |
| Saskatchewan - | Cities | 45,671,899 |
| | Towns | 4,291,609 |
| | Villages 2/ | 205,485 |
| | Rural 3/ | 4,271,744 |
| | Total | 54,440,737 |
| Alberta - | Cities | 50,963,589 |
| | Towns | 1,896,215 |
| | Villages | 44,562 |
| | Municipal Districts | 6,616 |
| | Total | 52,910,982 |
| British Columbia - | Cities | 108,573,054 |
| | Districts | 12,597,144 |
| | Total | 121,170,198 |

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 1938.

| Provinces | | 1 9 3 8 |
|------------------------|--|------------|
| | | \$ |
| Prince Edward Island - | Cities | 306,250 |
| | Towns | 165,393 |
| | Rural | - |
| | Total | 471,643 |
| Nova Scotia - | Cities | 7,067,420 |
| | Towns | 5,067,441 |
| | Municipalities | 830,920 |
| | Total | 12,965,781 |
| New Brunswick - | Cities | 5,160,315 |
| | Towns | 2,088,020 |
| | Villages | 29,663 |
| | Counties | 923,902 |
| | Total | 8,202,400 |
| Quebec - | Cities | 64,936,491 |
| | Towns | 6,312,020 |
| | Rural Municipalities | 415,169 |
| | Total | 71,663,680 |
| | Sinking Funds for Schools, All Municipalities 1/ | 10,728,778 |
| | Total including School Sinking Funds | 82,392,458 |
| Ontario - | Cities | 57,851,383 |
| | Towns | 1,611,170 |
| | Villages | 115,404 |
| | Rural | 398,585 |
| | Counties | 1,692,597 |
| | Total | 61,669,139 |
| Manitoba - | Cities | 43,618,088 |
| | Towns | 555,037 |
| | Villages | 9,019 |
| | Suburban Municipalities | 387,635 |
| | Rural | 74,976 |
| | Total | 44,644,755 |
| Saskatchewan 2/ - | Cities | 19,310,429 |
| | Towns | 202,021 |
| | Villages | - |
| | Rural | - |
| | Total | 19,512,450 |
| Alberta - | Cities | 9,630,128 |
| | Towns | - |
| | Villages | - |
| | Municipal Districts | - |
| | Total | 9,630,128 |
| British Columbia - | Cities | 25,332,664 |
| | Districts | 4,914,257 |
| | Total | 30,246,921 |

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, 1919-1938.

| 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 | 10,660,863 | 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 | 24,752,373 | 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 | 27,538,398 | 500,788,727 | 461,653,182 |
| 1936 | 2,510,675 | 34,211,220 | 26,796,910 | 513,113,001 | 451,546,483 |
| 1937 | 2,901,175 | 34,695,716 | 26,591,813 | 513,533,544 | 425,744,206 |
| 1938 | 2,924,650 | 35,107,542 | 26,351,143 | 513,137,878 | 404,290,461 |
| | 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 | 79,211,367 | 55,835,505 | 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 | 125,833,619 | 1,353,124,228 |
| 1937 | 5/94,487,659 | 55,507,932 | 60,964,770 | 122,780,368 | 1,337,207,183 |
| 1938 | 5/91,867,809 | 54,440,737 | 52,910,982 | 121,170,198 | 1,302,201,400 |

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.

| No. | Name | Age | Sex | Profession | Remarks |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------|---------|
| 1 | John Smith | 25 | M | Farmer | |
| 2 | Mary Jones | 22 | F | Housewife | |
| 3 | Robert Brown | 30 | M | Teacher | |
| 4 | Elizabeth White | 28 | F | Shopkeeper | |
| 5 | William Black | 35 | M | Blacksmith | |
| 6 | Anna Green | 20 | F | Student | |
| 7 | James Grey | 40 | M | Doctor | |
| 8 | Sarah Hall | 24 | F | Witch | |
| 9 | Thomas King | 32 | M | Minister | |
| 10 | Rebecca Lee | 26 | F | Artist | |
| 11 | George Miller | 38 | M | Lawyer | |
| 12 | Charlotte Wilson | 21 | F | Musician | |
| 13 | Henry Taylor | 45 | M | Merchant | |
| 14 | Isabella Adams | 29 | F | Writer | |
| 15 | Charles Baker | 33 | M | Engineer | |
| 16 | Frances Clark | 23 | F | Actress | |
| 17 | Edward Davis | 37 | M | Scientist | |
| 18 | Martha Evans | 27 | F | Translator | |
| 19 | Samuel Foster | 42 | M | Historian | |
| 20 | Lucy Gibson | 25 | F | Composer | |
| 21 | Richard Harris | 31 | M | Explorer | |
| 22 | Ann Howard | 20 | F | Philosopher | |
| 23 | Benjamin King | 48 | M | Politician | |
| 24 | Elizabeth Lewis | 28 | F | Botanist | |
| 25 | William Martin | 36 | M | Astronomer | |
| 26 | Charlotte Nelson | 22 | F | Mathematician | |
| 27 | George Oliver | 41 | M | Geologist | |
| 28 | Sarah Parker | 26 | F | Physicist | |
| 29 | Thomas Reed | 34 | M | Chemist | |
| 30 | Rebecca Scott | 24 | F | Biologist | |
| 31 | Charles Turner | 39 | M | Physician | |
| 32 | Frances Walker | 23 | F | Surgeon | |
| 33 | Edward Young | 37 | M | Pharmacist | |
| 34 | Martha Zane | 27 | F | Optician | |
| 35 | Samuel Allen | 42 | M | Instrument Maker | |
| 36 | Lucy Baker | 25 | F | Bookbinder | |
| 37 | Richard Clark | 31 | M | Printer | |
| 38 | Ann Evans | 20 | F | Stationer | |
| 39 | Benjamin Foster | 48 | M | Letter Carrier | |
| 40 | Elizabeth Gibson | 28 | F | Post Office Clerk | |
| 41 | William Harris | 36 | M | Post Office Inspector | |
| 42 | Charlotte Howard | 22 | F | Post Office Assistant | |
| 43 | George King | 41 | M | Post Office Agent | |
| 44 | Sarah Lewis | 26 | F | Post Office Clerk | |
| 45 | Thomas Martin | 34 | M | Post Office Inspector | |
| 46 | Rebecca Nelson | 24 | F | Post Office Assistant | |
| 47 | Charles Oliver | 39 | M | Post Office Agent | |
| 48 | Frances Parker | 23 | F | Post Office Clerk | |
| 49 | Edward Reed | 37 | M | Post Office Inspector | |
| 50 | Martha Scott | 27 | F | Post Office Assistant | |
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| 52 | Lucy Walker | 25 | F | Post Office Clerk | |
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| 57 | William Clark | 36 | M | Post Office Inspector | |
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| 59 | George Foster | 41 | M | Post Office Agent | |
| 60 | Sarah Gibson | 26 | F | Post Office Clerk | |
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| 100 | Lucy Gibson | 25 | F | Post Office Clerk | |

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 of the Court of Sessions for the year 1850 are given in
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