

publish returns from time to time. But examination showed that these are imperfect, especially the returns made public respecting the Province of Quebec. Special inquiries regarding the other provinces were made and considerable information collected, which, when thoroughly sifted, will enable us to give a full statement of the municipal indebtedness of the counties, parishes and other municipalities of the Dominion. An estimate of this indebtedness, based upon the information obtained, gives the total municipal debt of Canada in the neighbourhood of \$100,000,000.

In the Province of Ontario complete returns from 43 cities, towns and incorporated villages give a population of over 470,000, with liabilities of \$38,500,000.

The returns recently published by the Ontario Government give the total liabilities of all the municipalities of the province, including counties, townships, cities, towns and villages, for the year 1893, at \$54,879,665. The assets, including taxes in arrears, rates due from other municipalities, &c., are given at \$60,092,229.

ONTARIO.

ARNPRIOR.				BARRIE.			
YEAR.	Popu- lation.	Net Debt.	Total Assess- ment.	YEAR.	Popu- lation.	Net Debt.	Total Assess- ment.
		\$	\$			\$	\$
1887.....	2,490	*9,207	501,163	1868.....	2,598	*10,000	564,842
1889.....	2,833	*11,714	568,775	1870.....	2,798	*30,000
1890.....	3,041	*12,000	577,174	1875.....	4,169	948,838
1892.....	3,217	*1,257	625,740	1880.....	4,818	*3,600	1,217,802
1893.....	3,253	+42,529	645,950	1885.....	4,376	44,041	1,257,999
1894.....	3,545	+40,766	655,015	1890.....	5,075	+58,887	1,405,785
1895.....	3,711	+38,800	660,445	1895.....	5,024	89,579	1,436,360

* Average rate of interest paid, 5 per cent.

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Water-works built in 1890 by the Barrie Waterworks Co., the corporation paying \$3,000 annually for water for fire purposes.

BELLEVILLE.				BOWMANVILLE.			
YEAR.	Popu- lation.	Net Debt.	Total Assess- ment.	YEAR.	Popu- lation.	Net Debt.	Total Assess- ment.
		\$	\$			\$	\$
1868.....	No returns	No returns	No returns	1868.....	2,917	*50,000	778,139
1870.....	" ..	" ..	2,632,811	1870.....	3,030	*50,000	636,944
1875.....	" ..	" ..	3,713,147	1875.....	3,367	+63,916	962,247
1880.....	9,726	*410,000	3,473,102	1880.....	3,255	+60,477	1,004,524
1885.....	10,171	*405,000	3,776,241	1885.....	3,583	+54,438	1,073,024
1890.....	10,028	No returns	3,958,914	1890.....	3,810	+72,149	1,155,235
1895.....	10,318	+412,000	4,005,000	1895.....	3,000	+69,000	1,095,354

* Average rate of interest paid, 6 per cent.

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Water-works built in 1886. Cost of construction \$225,000. Value of exemptions in 1895, \$537,617.

* Average rate of interest paid, 8 per cent.

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