

NOVA SCOTIA—Continued.

NORTH SYDNEY.				STELLARTON.			
Year.	Popula- tion.	Net Debt.	Total Assess- ment.	Year.	Popula- tion.	Net Debt.	Total Assess- ment.
		\$	\$			\$	\$
1885.....	2,100	5,500	Not given.	1890.....	3,000	3,000	187,786
1890.....	2,522	.....	726,240	1895.....	3,500	5,000	221,310
1895.....	2,960	23,510	811,200	1898.....	3,600	57,000	235,000
1899.....	3,300	86,000	856,910				

NOTE.—Incorporated in 1885. Average rate of interest paid in 1885, 6 per cent; 1895, $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 per cent, in 1897 $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Water works constructed in 1897 at cost of \$68,000. Gross debt in 1899, \$86,000, which after deducting assets of Town of North Sydney, leaves "net debt" \$2,000.

PARRSBORO'.			
Year.	Popula- tion.	Net Debt.	Total Assess- ment.
1889.....	.....	.....	345,938
1890.....	*1,909	.....	353,633
1895.....	2,000	8,000	412,528
1896.....	.....	.....	551,000
1897.....	.....	.....	616,000
1898.....	2,448	78,000	621,570

*Census, 1891.

NOTE.—In 1897 water works put in cost about \$52,000. Incorporated in 1889. Average rate of interest paid in 1895, $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, and in 1898 4 per cent. Value of exemptions, \$14,200.

TRURO.			
Year.	Popula- tion.	Net Debt.	Total Assess- ment.
1875.....	3,000	10,000	855,150
1880.....	3,461	.....	998,575
1885.....	.....	.....	1,205,125
1890.....	5,102	89,500	1,618,127
1895.....	.....	92,500	1,824,000
1896.....	5,550	106,500	2,030,811
1897.....	5,750	121,000	2,150,866
1898.....	6,000	121,000	2,244,798

NOTE.—Water works built in 1876. Cost of construction to date, \$90,000. Debt, \$82,500. Average rate of interest paid on net debt, 1875, $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent; 1890 and 1895, $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, 1895 to 1898, $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

NOTE.—Water works constructed in 1892. Cost of construction to date, \$34,000. Interest on floating debt, 7 per cent. Interest on bonded debt, $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Value of exemptions, \$24,000.

SYDNEY, C.B.			
Year.	Popula- tion.	Net Debt.	Total Assess- ment.
1885.....	5,000	578,422
1895.....	65,000	763,862
1896.....	67,400	752,110
1897.....	72,400	823,955
1898.....	3,000	73,400	870,460

NOTE.—Water works, cost of construction to December 31, 1898, \$67,817. Interest, \$58,000 at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, \$5,000 at 4 per cent.

*SYDNEY MINES.			
Year.	Popula- tion.	Net Debt.	Total Assess- ment.
1890.....	a2,446	None.....	274,179
1895.....	.....	"	271,163
1896.....	2,815	271	278,683
1897.....	2,815	1,249	277,515
1898.....	+2,815	1,050	273,687

* Incorporated in 1889. a Census, 1891.
+ No census taken since 1896.

SPRINGHILL.			
Year.	Popula- tion.	Net Debt.	Total Assess- ment.
1893.....	5,000	14,000	746,702
1894.....	5,000	13,000	779,886
1895.....	5,000	15,600	792,756
1896.....	5,000	14,600	777,561
1897.....	5,000	14,000	825,875
1898.....	5,000	17,130	821,976

NOTE.—Water works. Average rate of interest paid, $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Value of exemptions, \$240,000.