

**Public Debt.**—On March 31, 1920, the net public debt of Canada as shown by Table 7, was \$2,248,868,624, as compared with \$1,812,584,819 on March 31, 1919. Before the war, on March 31, 1914, the amount stood at \$335,996,850. On the basis of the estimated population at March 31, 1920, viz., 9,030,000, the per capita indebtedness is \$249, as against \$43 in 1914.

**Arrangement of Tables.**—Most of the tables in this section have been arranged to provide for presentation of comparative figures of the last five years, in accordance with the plan explained in the edition of 1918 (p. 475). Corresponding figures of the years before 1914 may be consulted by reference to the Year Book of 1916-17, pages 506 to 522, or to similar tables in the earlier issues.

### 1. Receipts and Expenditures on Consolidated Fund Account, 1916-1920.

#### RECEIPTS.

Items.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Customs.....	98,649,409	134,043,842	144,172,630	147,169,188	168,796,823
Excise.....	22,428,492	24,412,348	27,168,445	30,342,034	42,698,083
War tax.....	3,620,782	16,302,238	25,379,901	56,177,508	82,079,802
Post office.....	18,858,690	20,902,384	21,345,394	21,603,542	24,471,709
Railways.....	18,427,909	23,539,759	27,172,208	37,967,551	1
Dominion Lands.....	2,299,550	4,055,662	4,443,758	3,539,927	4,622,592
Interest on investments.....	3,358,210	3,094,012	4,466,724	7,421,002	17,086,981
Other items.....	4,504,796	6,351,049	6,629,893	8,725,995	9,990,345
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>172,147,838</b>	<b>232,701,294</b>	<b>260,778,953</b>	<b>312,946,747</b>	<b>349,746,335</b>

#### EXPENDITURE.

	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Charges on debt <sup>2</sup> .....	23,926,442	37,770,651	51,517,790	80,185,604	108,989,747 <sup>3</sup>
Subsidies to Provinces.....	11,451,673	11,469,148	11,369,148	11,327,236	11,490,860
Collection of revenue.....	47,902,501	53,800,212	63,342,443	73,682,985	41,219,680
Militia and Defence.....	4,681,503	4,301,785	3,912,459	3,253,876	4,616,782
Pensions.....	671,133	2,814,546	8,155,691	18,282,440	26,004,461
Civil government.....	6,408,857	6,466,359	6,890,952	7,234,897	7,782,330
Public Works (Income).....	12,039,252	8,633,096	7,432,901	6,295,060	9,016,246
Soldiers Civil Re-establishment.....	—	—	—	—	45,869,064
Other items.....	23,269,566	23,343,546	25,662,929	32,469,185	48,854,760
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>130,350,727</b>	<b>148,599,343</b>	<b>178,284,313</b>	<b>232,731,283</b>	<b>303,843,930</b>
Surplus (+).....	+41,797,111	+84,101,951	+82,494,640	+80,215,464	+45,902,405

<sup>1</sup>\$41,402,061 Railway Revenue for the fiscal year 1919-20 was transferred and applied against railway working expenses under authority of vote No. 560.

<sup>2</sup>Includes charges of management, interest, sinking funds and premium, discount and exchange.

<sup>3</sup>Sinking funds now included in special account.