

**Provincial Funded Debt Incurred for Highways.**—By far the greater portion of the highway expenditures has been made by the provinces and consequently must be paid out of provincial taxes. Payment for much of the construction costs has been deferred and this has accounted for part of the rapid increase in provincial funded debt since 1919. In 1919 the net funded debt of all the provinces was \$290,748,592; by 1938 it had increased to \$1,626,251,367 (see Table 32, p. 869) and the portion chargeable to highways was \$639,658,405 or more than double the net debt for all purposes in 1919. As already explained at p. 667, the provincial systems of modern motor roads have been developed almost entirely since 1919 and prior to that time the provincial expenditures on highways were relatively small.

### 6.—Provincial Government Funded Highway Debt and Annual Charges Thereon, 1936-38.

NOTE.—Provincial Governments report for their respective fiscal years ended on the dates indicated in Table 1, p. 665.

Province.	Highway Debt Outstanding.			Annual Interest, Sinking Fund, and Capital Payments.					
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1936.	1937.	1938.			Pay-ment of Capital.
				Total.	Total.	Interest.	Sinking Fund.	Total Interest and Sinking Fund	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
P.E.I....	1,004,774 <sup>1</sup>	767,636	<sup>2</sup>	86,000 <sup>1</sup>	231,825	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	Nil
N.S....	33,980,000	49,674,625	59,129,853	1,348,625	1,939,333	2,067,199	203,249	2,270,448	"
N.B....	47,612,809	49,979,092	62,627,812	1,782,787	2,433,981	2,542,916	242,211	2,785,127	369,280
Que....	70,811,283	80,736,741	94,826,232	4,514,084	4,490,550	3,653,150	3,529,025	7,182,175	Nil
Ont....	224,639,350	258,770,555	291,647,936	13,630,543	12,938,528	14,582,397	<sup>2</sup>	14,582,397	"
Man....	17,794,182	17,794,182	18,050,417	884,795	938,255	840,896	<sup>2</sup>	840,896	"
Sask....	33,799,488	33,673,494	33,818,920	1,600,936	1,630,610	1,542,932	3,186	1,546,118	"
Alta....	37,025,514	37,025,514	39,701,159	1,150,514	1,062,155	1,100,890	<sup>2</sup>	1,100,890	"
B.C....	41,297,772	41,297,772	39,856,076	3,378,548	3,378,548	1,803,814	45,360	1,849,174	203,336
<b>Totals</b>	<b>507,965,172</b>	<b>569,719,611</b>	<b>639,658,405</b>	<b>28,376,832</b>	<b>29,043,785</b>	<b>28,134,194</b>	<b>4,023,031</b>	<b>32,157,225</b>	<b>572,616</b>

<sup>1</sup> 1934 data.

<sup>2</sup> Not reported.

<sup>3</sup> Less sinking fund payments in Ontario and Alberta.

<sup>4</sup> Less Ontario, Manitoba, and Alberta; see footnote 2.

**Provincial Government Revenue.**—The taxation of motor vehicles, garages, chauffeurs, etc., is becoming an important source of Provincial Government income. In every province the following licences or permits, duly issued by the provincial authorities, are required: motor vehicles of all kinds, trailers (in all provinces except Alberta), operators or drivers, paid chauffeurs, dealers, garages, and gasoline and service stations. A sales tax on gasoline is also levied by each province. The more important sources from which provincial revenues from motor vehicles are derived are shown in Table 7. Dominion Government revenues from import duties, excise, and sales taxes are not included.