

**19.—Excise War Taxes Collected, by Commodities and Provinces, Fiscal Years  
1934-39—concluded.**

Province or Item.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island.....	66,620	66,264	63,532	78,608	92,144	77,680
Nova Scotia.....	2,999,426	2,880,166	2,615,775	3,226,915	3,911,193	3,466,045
New Brunswick.....	1,316,363	1,355,261	1,174,567	2,591,941	3,549,994	3,225,460
Quebec.....	37,328,247	38,301,415	38,711,344	49,507,285	59,334,505	53,626,296
Ontario.....	52,235,416	57,371,744	59,675,399	81,461,611	96,429,163	85,416,810
Manitoba.....	3,319,419	3,413,597	3,645,548	4,965,252	5,518,163	5,283,796
Saskatchewan.....	950,315	983,661	1,069,734	1,432,091	1,434,562	1,379,497
Alberta.....	2,398,887	2,249,292	2,237,418	2,793,669	3,545,855	3,663,537
British Columbia.....	7,562,350	7,209,637	7,011,577	9,416,853	10,502,408	9,054,844
Yukon.....	19,981	22,580	29,437	44,562	69,417	75,877
Departmental sales.....	208,887	221,494	236,218	259,726	238,328	226,479
British post office parcels...	1,872	1,150	1,112	1,452	1,747	1,615

**Subsection 4.—Subsidies and Loans to Provinces.**

**Subsidies.**—By the provisions of the British North America Act and subsequent arrangements entered into from time to time, the Dominion makes certain annual payments, listed below, to the provinces.

**Interest on Debt Allowances.**—By the terms of the union of the provinces at Confederation in 1867, the Dominion assumed all the outstanding debts and liabilities of the provinces and undertook to pay, except in the case of Ontario and Quebec, interest at 5 p.c. on the amounts by which the actual per capita indebtedness of the provinces fell short of a basic debt allowance calculated at approximately \$25 per capita. On the subsequent entry of additional provinces into Confederation, similar arrangements were effected regarding the assumption of their pre-Confederation indebtedness. From time to time, adjustments have been made in the basis of calculation of the debt allowances of the various provinces and the Dominion pays interest at 5 p.c. per annum on the amounts by which the actual debts of the provinces, on their entry into Confederation, fell short of the allowed debts as adjusted. The aggregate annual payment from the Dominion to the provinces in respect of interest on debt allowances is \$1,609,386.

**Allowances for Government and Legislature.**—Under the terms of the Union, annual grants of specific amounts were made to the various provinces for the support of their governments and legislatures. These fixed amounts vary with the population of the provinces according to the following scale, approved in 1907:—

Where population is—	\$
Under 150,000.....	100,000
150,000, but does not exceed 200,000.....	150,000
200,000, “ “ 400,000.....	180,000
400,000, “ “ 800,000.....	190,000
800,000, “ “ 1,500,000.....	220,000
Over 1,500,000.....	240,000

The aggregate annual allowances presently paid under this head amount to \$1,750,000.

**Allowances per Head of Population.**—Under the British North America Act of 1867, a grant of 80 cents per head of the population was allowed to each province. The British North America Act of 1907 provided that the grant would be paid to each province at the rate of 80 cents per head up to a population of 2,500,000, and at the rate of 60 cents per head for so much of the population as exceeds that number. Such allowances paid to the provinces in the fiscal year 1939 reached \$8,111,844.