

tion indebtedness. From time to time, adjustments have been made in the basis of calculating the debt allowances of the provinces; moreover, 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 Governments and Legislatures.—Under the terms of the Union, annual specific grants 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

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 exceeded that number. Such allowances paid to the provinces in the fiscal year 1943 reached \$8,128,688.

Special Grants.—In the case of certain of the provinces, grants have been added to the original scale of subsidies in view of special circumstances obtaining, which, for the fiscal year 1941, amounted in the aggregate to \$2,280,880 as set forth below:—

Prince Edward Island.—A special grant of \$195,000 less a deduction of \$39,120 (net grant of \$155,880).

New Brunswick.—An annual grant of \$150,000 since 1875 in consideration of the repeal of lumber duties reserved to the province by the B.N.A. Act of 1867.

Manitoba.—A special grant on the basis of population amounting at present to \$562,500 per annum.

Saskatchewan and Alberta.—An annual sum as compensation for loss of Public Lands revenue, based on their respective populations and amounting at present to \$750,000 for Saskatchewan and \$562,500 for Alberta.

British Columbia.—A special grant amounting at present to \$100,000 per annum.

16.—Subsidy Allowances to Provincial Governments, Fiscal Years 1938-43

Province	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island ¹	381,932	381,932	381,932	381,932	381,932	381,932
Nova Scotia ¹	653,048	653,048	653,048	653,048	701,323	708,958
New Brunswick ¹	693,040	693,040	693,040	693,040	729,167	735,605
Quebec.....	2,592,014	2,592,014	2,592,014	2,592,014	2,859,245	2,873,935
Ontario.....	2,941,424	2,941,424	2,941,424	2,941,424	3,136,394	3,173,621
Manitoba ¹	1,703,092	1,708,171	1,713,284	1,713,284	1,713,284	1,722,475
Saskatchewan ¹	2,120,095	2,126,132	2,132,175	2,132,175	2,132,175	2,052,162
Alberta.....	1,776,130	1,781,788	1,787,475	1,787,475	1,788,589	1,801,031
British Columbia ¹	874,561	874,561	874,561	874,561	966,513	1,040,366
Totals.....	13,735,336	13,752,110	13,768,953	13,768,953	14,408,622	14,490,055

¹ Received additional "Additional Special Grants", 1938-41, not included in this table (see text at p. 828).