

### Subsection 2.—Provincial Debts and Assets

**Bonded Indebtedness of the Provinces.**—The major part of the total liabilities of the Provinces is represented by bonded debt. As at the fiscal year ended nearest Dec. 31, 1940, approximately 54 p.c. of this debt was payable in Canada, 23 p.c. in New York or Canada, and 15 p.c. in London, New York or Canada. Since then the percentage payable in Canada has increased, owing to fairly substantial retirements of foreign pay bonds.

Gross provincial bonded indebtedness, which totalled \$218,870,000 in 1916, increased steadily until the close of the fiscal years ended nearest Dec. 31, 1940, but decreased significantly during the two following years. However, this decrease was not common to all provinces.

The average coupon rates shown in Table 29 vary considerably from province to province. Part of this variation is explained by differences in the average term of years for which provincial bonds are issued which, at the fiscal year ended nearest Dec. 31, 1940, were as follows: P.E.I., 11.5 years; N.S., 20.3 years; N.B., 17.8 years; Que., 15.0 years; Ont., 19.3 years; Man., 25.0 years; Sask., 22.9 years; Alta., 26.4 years; B.C., 27.9 years; all provinces, 20.0 years.

#### 29.—Gross Bonded Debt (Exclusive of Treasury Bills) of Provincial Governments, for their Fiscal Years Ended Nearest to Dec. 31, 1940-42

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1916-30 are given at p. 877 of the 1938 Year Book and figures for 1931-39 at p. 787 of the 1942 edition.

Year	Prince Edward Island		Nova Scotia		New Brunswick		Quebec		Ontario	
	Bonded Debt	Average Coupon Rate	Bonded Debt	Average Coupon Rate	Bonded Debt	Average Coupon Rate	Bonded Debt	Average Coupon Rate	Bonded Debt	Average Coupon Rate
	\$'000	p.c.	\$'000	p.c.	\$'000	p.c.	\$'000	p.c.	\$'000	p.c.
1940.....	8,518	3.99	105,123	3.96	102,777	4.13	397,446	3.37	629,632	4.27
1941.....	10,668	4.01	108,187	3.94	104,682	4.14	388,816	3.47	632,138	4.25
1942.....	10,568	4.02	100,911	3.99	106,505	4.13	396,071	3.53	624,244	4.14
	Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		British Columbia		Total	
	Bonded Debt	Average Coupon Rate	Bonded Debt	Average Coupon Rate	Bonded Debt	Average Coupon Rate	Bonded Debt	Average Coupon Rate	Bonded Debt	Average Coupon Rate
	\$'000	p.c.	\$'000	p.c.	\$'000	p.c.	\$'000	p.c.	\$'000	p.c.
1940.....	90,030	4.73	126,092	4.65	128,176	4.88	146,704	4.51	1,734,498	4.16
1941.....	87,478	4.62	126,337	4.65	128,176	4.88	121,791	4.55	1,708,273	4.16
1942.....	86,545	4.61	126,303	4.62	128,123	4.88	117,359	4.35	1,696,629	4.12

**Total Provincial Public Debt.**—The statistics of Table 30 have been assembled on as comparable a basis as possible. This analysis has been built up on the same basis as the analysis of Dominion and municipal indebtedness shown in Tables 21 and 37, respectively, and forms part of the tabulation of bonded public debt for Canada as a whole, shown in Table 1. It is intended to continue this series in future issues of the Year Book, along with comparative totals for previous years.