34.—Total Direct and Indirect Debt of Provincial Governments, 1942-

Item	1942	19431	19441	19452
Direct Debt	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Funded Debt— Issued Assumed	1,686,162 10,467	1,673,836 10,446	1,667,767 10,435	1,631,452 10,211
Totals, Funded Debt	1,696,629 164,637	1,684,282 182,079	1,678,202 223,197	1,641,663 195,062
Net Funded Debt	1,531,992	1,502,203	1,455,005	1,446,601
Treasury Bills— Held by Dominion of Canada Held by others	166, 918 92, 651	166, 563 62, 108	182, 871 56, 099	178,074 32,075
Totals, Treasury Bills	259,569	228,671	238,970	210,149
Savings deposits. Temporary loans. Superannuation and other deposits. Accrued expenditure Accounts payable and other liabilities.	39,705 4,358 17,955 18,086 20,517	41,560 1,175 20,249 18,099 15,256	45,771 9,032 21,814 17,941 17,340	48,448 25,790 23,134 18,238 31,975
Totals, Direct Debt (less sinking funds)	1,892,182	1,827,213	1,805,873	1,804,335
Indirect Debt				
Guaranteed bonds	151,392 5,786	148,509 5,550	151,022 6,370	135, 134 4, 627
Net Guaranteed Bonds, etc	145,606	142,959	144,652	130,507
Loans under the Municipal Improvements Assistance Act, 1938	5,745 20,812 17,818	5,659 21,367 22,325	5,496 9,731 29,302	5,317 8,790 30,935
Totals, Indirect Debt (less sinking funds)	189,981	192,310	189,181	175,549
Grand Totals	2,082,163	2,019,523	1,995,054	1,979,884

¹ Revised since the publication of the 1946 Year Book.

Section 4.—Municipal Finance*

Subsection 1.—The Organization and Growth of the Municipalities in Canada

Under the provisions of the British North America Act, the several provinces have jurisdiction and control over their respective organizations of municipal government. While the main types of municipalities are common to most provinces there is little or no similarity from the standpoint of prerequisites to incorporation, either as to area or population. In fact, some provinces have no specified requirements in this regard. There are, nevertheless, two main divisions into which incorporated municipalities may be grouped—urban and rural—each of which displays more or less distinct characteristics. The former comprises the cities, towns and villages. The official designation of the municipalities in the rural group, however, varies widely as between provinces: Townships in Ontario; Districts in British Columbia; Municipal Districts in Alberta; Counties in New Brunswick; Municipalities in Nova Scotia; Parishes and Townships in Quebec; and Rural Municipalities in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

² Subject to revision.

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