

where the council administers education and municipal hospitals. There are also some unincorporated improvement districts administered by the Province in less densely settled areas but only about one-fifth of the Province is organized.

British Columbia.—Less than 0.5 p.c. of the area of British Columbia is organized into municipalities. Additional small areas have sufficient population to require administration of local activities by the Provincial Government. There are 36 cities, 52 villages and 30 districts. The latter are chiefly rural municipalities except for those adjacent to the principal cities of Victoria and Vancouver, which are largely urban in character. It should be emphasized however that the application of the name "city" is somewhat different from the commonly accepted meaning in that several of them have populations of fewer than 1,000 and perhaps one-half or more would not normally be incorporated as cities in another province. Legislation of 1957 provides for incorporation of towns.

Yukon and Northwest Territories.—There are two cities and one town in the Yukon Territory and two local administrative districts in the Northwest Territories, all of which provide some municipal services to their local areas. These are not shown in Table 24.

24.—Municipalities, by Official Designation¹ and by Statistical Classification², by Province, Quebec as at Mar. 16, 1957 and All Others as at Dec. 31, 1956

Item	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
	OFFICIAL DESIGNATION ¹										
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Urban municipalities.....	57	21	42	27	527	340	77	484	236	88	1,899
<i>Cities</i>	2	1	2	5	42	29	5	8	8	36	138
<i>Towns</i>	55 ³	7	40	20	149	155	35	99	83	...	643
<i>Villages</i>.....	...	13 ⁴	...	2	336	156	37	377	145	52	1,118
Rural municipalities ⁵	4	...	24	15	1,129	594 ⁶	113 ⁷	296 ⁸	48 ⁹	30	2,253
Ontario and Quebec counties	...	...	...	...	75	39 ¹⁰	...	...	...	...	114
Totals, Incorporated Municipalities	61	21	66	42¹¹	1,731	973	190	780	234	118	4,266
	STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATION ²										
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Municipalities in Metropolitan Areas ¹²	2	...	3	5	76	41	14	...	10	19	170
<i>Urban</i>	2	...	2	3	57	23	6	...	6	7	106
<i>Rural</i>.....	...	...	1	2	19	18	8	...	4	12	64
Other urban municipalities...	55	21	40	24	470	317	71	484	230	81	1,793
Other rural municipalities...	4	...	23	13	1,110	576	105	296	44	18	2,189
<i>Semi-urban</i>.....	...	...	...	...	...	57 ¹³	...	...	...	...	57
<i>Other</i>	4	...	23	13	1,110	519	105	296	44	18	2,132
Ontario and Quebec counties	...	...	...	...	75	39	...	...	...	...	114
Totals, Incorporated Municipalities	61	21	66	42	1,731	973	190	780	234	118	4,266

¹ This section of the table groups the municipalities according to their official nomenclature, which is roughly indicative of size and nature (see footnote 5). ² This section of the table groups the municipalities under the classification devised by the Dominion Provincial Conferences on Municipal Statistics, the classification being designed to bring municipalities into comparable groups for statistical presentation.

³ Includes 24 Local Government Communities. ⁴ See text on p. 73. ⁵ Rural municipalities are designated by different names in the different provinces. ⁶ Includes 22 improvement districts. ⁷ Includes 4 units of self-government known as "Suburban Municipalities". Does not include local government districts. ⁸ Excludes 12 improvement districts. ⁹ Includes 7 county municipalities. Excludes 50 improvement districts and 2 special areas. ¹⁰ Includes Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto. ¹¹ Excludes 56 local improvement districts. ¹² Municipalities shown wholly or partly in metropolitan areas by the 1956 Census of Canada, but does not include the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, which is shown with counties. ¹³ These are classed as suburban and semi-urban by provincial authorities.