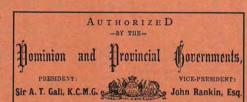


In 1873 the net Debt of the Dominion was \$21.73 2/5 per head of the total population. The net interest was \$1.20 1/3 per head. "The debt was incurred in the construction of public works which have promoted so greatly the rapid growth of the Dominion." (1873)

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