

	Decr. Feb'y.	Decr. 8 mo's.
Dominion Debt, Feb. 29, 1895 .....	\$318,880,278	\$970,186
Assets (?) .....	66,714,891	\$909,540

Net debt..... \$252,165,387

The weight per head of the debt and Government expenses compared with those of Great Britain may be seen from these figures :

	Population.	Debt.	Debt p. head.	Expenses.	Exp. p. head.
Canada .....	5,000,000	\$252,165,387	\$50.42	\$41,400,000	\$8.28
Britain.....	40,000,000	3,285,000,000	82.12	545,000,000	13.87

The City Treasurer of Toronto has just issued his statement of the city's debt and sinking funds, which shows :

Gross general debt .....	\$12,474,509
Less sinking fund applicable thereto .....	723,787
Net debt .....	\$11,750,722
Local Improvement debt—	
City's proportion .....	\$3,356,925 36
Ratepayers' proportion .....	5,695,345 23
Total .....	9,052,270 59
Less sinking funds on hand .....	3,628,119 12
Net improvement debt .....	5,424,151
Street Railway debt .....	1,067,728
Net City public indebtedness .....	18,242,604

Compared with those of some other cities, the debt of Toronto stands thus :

	Population.	Debt.	Debt per head.
Montreal .. ..	225,000	\$25,000,000	\$111
Toronto .. ..	180,000	18,242,613	101
Philadelphia .. ..	1,046,954	29,622,795	29
St. Louis .. ..	451,770	21,625,114	48
Boston .. ..	448,477	28,175,496	63
Detroit .. ..	205,876	2,215,226	11
Buffalo .. ..	255,644	10,843,000	39

These figures show that Toronto and Montreal have need of economical and honest government to place them in line with the average American city; while the Dominion debt is rapidly approaching the burdensomeness of that of the mother country.

#### The Public and Private Indebtedness of the United States.

The *Scientific American* gives the following statement of the public and private indebtedness of the United States, "from official sources:"

Total public debts .....	\$3,027,170,546
Debts of quasi-public companies, railways, etc. ....	6,200,000,000
Private debts : Real estate mortgages .....	\$6,019,679,985
Crop liens .....	650,000,000
National banks, loans, etc. ....	1,904,167,351
Other banks, loans and overdrafts .....	1,172,918,415
National, state and local taxes .....	1,040,473,013
Other net private debts (estimated) .....	1,212,761,236
Total debts .....	\$21,227,170,546