

RETURN of the Amount and Nature of the Public Debt in the Province of Lower Canada, in each of the Years 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, and 1838.

NATURE OF THE DEBT.	AMOUNT IN EACH OF THE YEARS						EXPLANATIONS.
	1833.	1834.	1835.	1836.	1837.	1838.	
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
Loan for improving the harbour of Montreal, authorized by provincial Acts, 10 & 11 Geo. 4, c. 28, 1 Will. 4, c. 11, and 2 Will. 4, c. 36.	31,500 - -	31,500 - -	31,500 - -	31,500 - -	31,500 - -	31,500 - -	- - The interest on this loan is secured, in part, on the amount of wharfage dues collected, and the deficiency on the general funds of the Province. The interest at different rates, from five to six per cent., amounts to 1,715 l. sterling per annum, and is paid half-yearly. The annual net amount of wharfage dues is about 600 l., the average of the last three years, but is likely to be increased hereafter, as some defect in the authorized mode of collection is remedied by a late ordinance of the Special Council.
For continuing the same work, in part of the loan for 40,000 l., authorized by the ordinance of the Governor and Special Council, 1 Victoria, c. 23, there was raised, up to the end of the year 1838.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	10,327 10 -	The interest on this loan is secured as above.
Loan from the Imperial Treasury in 1834, in aid of the funds at the disposal of the Crown, towards paying the Civil Expenditure.	- - -	29,236 17 -	29,236 17 -	29,236 17 -	29,236 17 -	13,513 10 3	- - There was paid out of the provincial funds, on account of these loans, in 1838, 86,593 l. 18 s. 9 d., leaving a balance still unpaid of 13,513 l. 10 s. 3 d., with the rate of premium on bills at the time of payment.
Loan under the Parliamentary Grant in 1837.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	70,870 12 -	- - -	
TOTALS - - - £. Sterling	31,500 - -	60,736 17 -	60,736 17 -	60,736 17 -	131,607 9 -	55,341 - 3	