

Ontario Assessment and Population Increased

Population at End of 1919 was 2,621,785, Compared With 2,579,177 at End of 1918—
Assessments for 1918 Higher Than for 1917—Increase of \$6,000,000 in Municipal Taxes Levied

RURAL communities in Ontario increased their population in 1919, as well as cities, according to figures just issued by the department of municipal affairs of the province. In 1918 the towns, villages and townships showed actual decreases in population. The comparative figures are as follows:—

	Population.		
	Townships. and towns.	Villages	Cities.
1919	998,597	528,326	1,094,862
1918	996,228	520,791	1,062,158
1917	1,003,664	524,005	1,032,784
Total.	2,621,785	2,579,177	2,560,453

In the townships the increase in population for 1919 over 1918 is 2,369 and a decrease over 1917 of 5,067. In the villages and towns the increase for 1919 over 1918 is 7,535 and the increase over 1917 is 4,321. In the cities the increase for 1919 over 1918 is 32,704 and an increase over 1917 of 62,078. This will leave an increase for the province of 42,608 for 1919 over the year 1918 and an increase of 61,332 for 1919 from the year 1917.

	Assessments		
	Townships. and towns.	Villages	Cities.
1918	\$706,635,799	\$265,795,177	\$1,096,947,539
1917	698,900,181	263,401,104	1,065,260,575
1916	692,560,277	252,225,366	1,059,892,904
Total.	\$2,069,378,515	\$2,027,561,860	\$2,004,678,547

The total assessment in the townships in 1918 includes \$695,037,497 real property, \$5,824,669 business assessment, and \$5,773,633 income. There is also included \$10,649,969 in the real property and \$1,297,554 in the business assessment that pays school rates only.

The total assessment in the villages and towns is made up of \$291,919,879 real property, \$21,539,975 business assessment, and \$12,335,323 income. In the villages and towns there is \$9,892,919 and \$3,314,793 included in the real property and business assessment that pays school rates only.

The total assessment in the cities is made up of \$949,148,691 real property, \$105,956,087 business and \$41,842,761 income. In the cities there is \$28,131,992 and \$4,709,218 included in the real property and business assessment that pays school rates only.

The total assessment of the province is made up of \$1,876,106,067 real property, \$133,320,731 business assessment and \$59,951,717 income. The total assessment of the province will include \$48,674,880 real property and \$9,321,565 business assessment, making a total of \$57,996,445 that pays schools only for 1918.

The assessment in the townships show an increase for 1918 over 1917 of \$7,735,618 and over 1916 of \$14,075,522. In the villages and towns the increase for 1918 over 1917 is \$2,394,073 and over 1916 of \$13,569,811. The increase in the cities for 1918 over 1917 is \$31,686,964 and over 1916 is \$37,054,635. The total increase for the province 1918 over 1917 is \$41,816,655 and over 1916 of \$64,699,968.

Areas Assessed

The total area assessed in the townships for 1919 is made up of 24,264,524 acres resident and 855,731 non-resident, making a total of 25,120,255 acres. This is divided into 14,897,378 clearance, 4,841,214 woodland, 2,756,297 slash land and 2,625,366 swamp, marsh or waste land. The area in the villages and towns for 1919 is 259,263 acres. The area in the cities for 1919 is 92,396 acres.

In 1891 there were 484 townships organized, 135 villages, 90 towns, 11 cities and 38 counties, making a total of 758. In 1919 there are 553 townships, 150 villages, 139 towns, 23 cities

and 38 counties, making a total of 903 organized municipalities, besides 10 districts that have no organization similar to the county councils.

Municipal Taxes

	Villages		
	Townships. and towns.	Cities.	Total.
1918	\$11,223,811	\$6,146,674	\$26,931,590
1917	9,462,175	5,589,415	23,082,427
1916	8,275,353	5,164,817	20,854,540
Total.	\$44,302,075	\$38,134,017	\$34,294,710

The townships for 1918 show an increase in municipal taxes imposed of \$1,761,636 over the year 1917 and an increase of \$2,948,458 over the year 1916. The villages and towns show an increase for 1918 over 1917 of \$557,259 and over 1916 of \$981,857. The cities show an increase for 1918 over 1917 of \$3,849,163, and over 1916 of \$6,077,050.

School Taxes

	Villages		
	Townships. and towns.	Cities.	Total.
1918	\$5,093,924	\$2,870,136	\$8,474,337
1917	4,672,057	2,606,282	7,547,463
1916	4,418,670	2,401,023	7,187,694
Total.	\$16,438,397	\$14,825,802	\$14,007,387

The increase in townships for 1918 over 1917 for school taxes imposed is \$421,867 and over 1916, \$675,254. The increase in villages and towns for 1918 is \$263,854 over the year 1917 and an increase over 1916 of \$469,113. In the cities the increase for 1918 over 1917 is \$926,874 and over 1916 is \$1,286,643.

Debenture Debt

The debenture debt is as follows:—

	Villages		
	Townships. and towns.	Cities.	Total.
Municipal	\$6,839,044	\$29,310,482	\$166,435,955
School	2,899,461	3,960,077	23,829,955
Total.	9,738,505	33,270,559	190,265,910
1918	9,738,505	33,270,559	233,274,974
1917	9,242,292	33,390,732	184,121,866
1916	8,953,926	32,042,660	184,701,426
Sinking fund:			
1918	174,588	2,328,214	43,452,328
1917	147,836	2,300,248	40,881,536
1916	159,348	2,140,073	36,885,289

County Debts

In addition to the foregoing debts the county municipalities have the following debenture debts and sinking funds:—

	County Debts		
	Municipal.	School.	Total.
1918	\$6,725,437	\$7,431	\$6,732,868
1917	6,110,010	8,207	6,118,217
1916	5,282,821	8,953	5,291,774
Sinking fund.			
1918			\$448,761
1917			396,039
1916			305,652

Taxable and Exempt Property

	Taxable real property statutory and other exemptions.			
	Land.	Buildings.	Land.	Buildings.
Townships	\$500,497,171	\$194,540,273	\$3,644,464	\$22,834,529
Villages & towns	77,687,195	153,558,536	5,900,025	36,760,430
Cities	496,795,154	452,353,537	78,129,126	114,695,006
Totals:				
1918	\$1,074,979,520	\$800,452,346	\$87,673,615	\$174,289,965
1917	1,073,544,240	776,851,816	87,555,062	168,876,690