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The table of the condition of sinking funds as at the end of 1919 is one of very large interest to those viewing municipal problems with any degree of seriousness. The sinking fund requirements for both the cities and the districts require a total of \$18,958,720. Of this there is in hand either in cash or invested, \$13,853,849, leaving a shortage of \$5,289,012, but including several cities, totalling \$184,140, whose sinking funds are above requirements. Of sinking funds invested totalling \$11,844,740, \$7,001,512 are invested in Dominion of Canada bonds, \$278,704 are invested in mortgages, and \$4,558,523 are invested in debentures of the municipalities. Of those cities who are short in their sinking fund requirements the greatest offender is that of Victoria, which is short \$2,443,324, with Vancouver next, \$1,738,864. In the case of Victoria, the condition is getting worse, the figure for the previous year being \$1,982,348. Vancouver shows a slight improvement, the figure being \$1,765,801 the previous year. Next to these two cities, South Vancouver, which is now in the hands of a Commissioner appointed by the province, stands at \$329,229, a slight decrease from the previous year, when the shortage was \$334; 719. New Westminster has a shortage of \$185,875, an increase from the previous year when the shortage was \$169.348.

Some rather notable changes are shown in the sinking fund tables. For instance, North Vancouver shows a short age in 1918 of \$105,426, and in 1919 showed an excess of \$35,992. Point Grey in 1918 was \$12,250 short in the sinking funds, and in 1919 shows a surplus of \$75,579. Oak Bay continued to gain in its surplus for the year nearly \$10,000, the figure at the end of 1919 being \$31,658. The changes in the operations of the sinking funds with a few notable exceptions are steadily improving, and it is altogether likely that the 1920 report will show more decided changes than

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