

ONTARIO ASSESSMENTS IN 1917

Latest Figures Show Increase in City Population but Decrease in Rural Districts—Assessments Continue to Grow

THE Ontario Bureau of Municipal Affairs has just issued its municipal bulletin for 1918, giving the population for 1918 and assessments for 1917, compared with previous years. The figures of population are as follows:—

	Villages			
	Townships.	and towns.	Cities.	Total.
1918	995,228	520,791	1,062,158	2,578,177
1917	1,003,664	524,005	1,032,784	2,560,453
1916	1,027,220	526,162	1,026,870	2,580,252

In the townships the decrease in population for 1918 over 1917 is 8,436, and over 1916 it is 31,992. In the villages and towns the decrease for 1918 over 1917 is 3,214 and the decrease over 1916 is 5,371. In the cities the increase for 1918 over 1917 is 29,374, and an increase over 1916 of 35,288. This will leave an increase for the province of 17,724 for 1918 over the year 1917, and a decrease of 2,075 for 1918 from the year 1916.

Assessments.

	Villages			
	Townships.	and towns.	Cities.	Total.
1917	\$698,900,181	\$263,401,104	\$1,065,260,575	\$2,027,561,860
1916	692,560,277	252,225,366	1,059,892,904	2,004,678,547
1915	687,372,853	248,994,738	1,038,257,494	1,974,625,085

The total assessment in the townships in 1917 includes \$688,174,942 real property, \$5,697,466 business assessment, and \$5,027,773 income. There is also included \$7,579,859 in the real property and \$405,555 in the business assessment that pays school rates only. The total assessment in the villages and towns is made up of \$231,822,064 real property, \$21,721,537 business assessment, and \$9,857,503 income. In the villages and towns there is \$7,904,910 and \$2,604,890 included in the real property and business assessment that pays school rates only. The total assessment in the cities is made up of \$930,399,050 real property, \$100,497,791 business, and \$34,363,734 income. In the cities there is \$23,830,229 and \$4,130,133 included in the real property and business assessment that pays schools only.

The total assessment of the province is made up of \$1,850,396,056 real property, \$127,916,794 business assessment and \$49,249,010 income. The total assessment of the province will include \$39,314,998 real property and \$7,140,578 business assessment, making a total of \$46,455,576 that pays school only for 1917.

The assessment in the townships show an increase for 1917 over 1916 of \$6,339,904 and over 1915 of \$11,527,328. In the villages and towns the increase for 1917 over 1916 is \$11,175,738 and over 1915 is \$14,406,366. The increase in the cities for 1917 over 1916 is \$5,367,671 and over 1915 is \$27,003,081. The total increase for the province 1917 over 1916 is \$22,883,313 and over 1915 is \$52,936,775.

The total area assessed in the townships for 1918 is made up of 24,339,004 acres resident and 816,455 non-resident, making a total of 25,155,459 acres. This is divided into 14,797,629 clearance, 4,891,555 woodland, 2,761,279 slash land and 2,704,996 swamp, marsh or waste land. The area in the villages and towns for 1918 is 257,177 acres. The area in the cities for 1918 is 92,420 acres. In 1891 there were 484 townships organized, 135 villages, 90 towns, 11 cities and 38 counties, making a total of 758. In 1918 there are 551 townships, 149 villages, 139 towns, 23 cities and 38 counties, making a total of 900 organized municipalities, besides 10 districts that no have organization similar to the county councils.

Municipal Taxes.

	Villages			
	Townships.	and towns.	Cities.	Total.
1917	\$9,462,175	\$5,589,415	\$23,082,427	\$38,134,017
1916	8,275,353	5,164,817	20,854,540	34,294,710
1915	7,341,456	4,619,186	20,517,584	32,478,226

The townships for 1917 show an increase in municipal taxes imposed of \$1,186,822 over the year 1916 and an increase of \$2,120,719 over the year 1915. The villages and towns show an increase for 1917 over 1916 of \$424,598 and over 1915 of \$970,229. The cities show an increase for 1917 over 1916 of \$2,227,887 and over 1915 of \$2,564,843. This will leave an increase in the total taxes imposed for the province for 1917 over 1916 of \$3,839,307 and over 1915 of \$5,655,791.

School Taxes.

	Villages			
	Townships.	and towns.	Cities.	Total.
1917	\$4,672,057	\$2,606,282	\$7,547,463	\$14,825,802
1916	4,418,670	2,401,023	7,187,694	14,007,387
1915	4,237,680	2,280,001	6,601,849	13,119,530

The increase in townships for 1917 over 1916 for school taxes imposed is \$253,387 and over 1915, \$434,377. The increase in villages and towns for 1917 is \$205,259 over the year 1916 and an increase over 1915 of \$326,281. In the cities the increase for 1917 over 1916 is \$359,769 and over 1915 is \$945,614. This will leave an increase for the province for 1917 over 1916 of \$818,415 and an increase over 1915 of \$1,706,272.

Debenture Debts.

The debenture debt is as follows:—

	Villages			
	Townships.	and towns.	Cities.	Total.
Municipal	\$6,394,365	\$29,420,363	\$160,623,986	\$196,438,714
School	2,847,927	3,970,369	23,497,880	30,316,176
Total:				
1917	9,242,292	33,390,732	184,121,866	226,754,890
1916	8,953,926	32,042,660	184,701,426	225,698,012
1915	8,722,980	31,035,345	171,304,210	211,062,535
Sinking fund:				
1917	147,836	2,300,248	40,881,536	43,329,620
1916	159,348	2,140,073	36,885,289	39,184,710
1915	148,046	1,994,458	29,723,672	31,866,176

In the townships the debenture debt has increased for 1917 over 1916 \$288,366 and \$519,312 over the year 1915. In the villages and towns the increase is \$1,348,072 over 1916 and \$2,355,387 over 1915. There is a decrease in the cities of debenture debts outstanding for 1917 over 1916 of \$579,560, and an increase over 1915 of \$12,817,656. This will leave an increase for the province 1917 over 1916 of only \$1,056,878 and over 1915 of \$15,692,355.

County Debts.

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

	Municipal.	School.	Total.	Sinking fund.
1917	\$6,110,010	\$8,207	\$6,118,217	\$396,039
1916	5,282,821	8,953	5,291,774	305,652
1915	4,352,534	9,670	4,362,204	336,186

Taxable and Exempt Property.

	Taxable real property.		Statutory and other exemptions.	
	Land.	Buildings.	Land.	Buildings.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Townships	498,797,733	189,377,209	4,431,598	23,007,965
Villages and towns	80,750,265	151,071,799	5,702,375	34,247,911
Cities	493,996,242	436,402,808	77,421,089	111,620,814
Totals, 1917	1,073,544,240	776,851,816	87,555,062	168,876,690
Totals, 1916	1,076,742,336	760,395,714	87,612,325	162,011,349

The reduction in the land taxable in the cities is caused by a lower assessment in Fort William and Port Arthur.