

Millions to Reduce Taxes

**HOW THE GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES HAVE BEEN
INCREASED—GRANTS DOUBLED IN NINE YEARS
—TWO MILLION A YEAR TO REDUCE DIRECT
TAXATION PAID TO MUNICIPALITIES**

1904.....	\$1,015,128
1913.....	2,190,866
Increase.....	\$1,175,738

The policy of the Whitney Government on the subject of the relations of the province to the municipalities is the reverse of that of its predecessors. The late Government took from the municipalities in order to swell the provincial revenue. The Whitney Government gives to the municipalities in order to reduce their taxation, and to lighten the burden carried by the people.

A SHARE OF THE RAILWAY TAXES

The plan of the Ross Government for the collecting of taxes from the railways turned all the revenue into the provincial treasury. Under the Whitney Government it was recognized that the municipalities should receive consideration, and therefore half of the railway taxes, after the cost of collection was paid, was allotted to the province and half to the municipal treasuries.

For eight years this plan has been in operation. Under it the municipalities have received the following sums:—

1904—(Ross Government).....	Nothing
1906—(Whitney Government).....	\$80,280
1907—“.....	81,547
1908—“.....	72,999
1909—“.....	92,408
1910—“.....	83,402
1911—“.....	76,010
1912—“.....	78,814
1913—“.....	82,097
Total.....	\$647,640

The amounts that have been received by each county are the following:—

County or District	Total from 1906—1913
Algoma.....	\$11,907
Brant.....	10,678
Bruce.....	17,217
Carleton.....	26,937
Dufferin.....	6,915
Dundas.....	5,888
Elgin.....	12,620
Essex.....	23,000
Frontenac.....	9,026
Glengarry.....	5,401
Grey.....	19,678
Haldimand.....	7,115