

cant lots, were under cover of the law, and this considerably increased our revenues.

Here are a few figures in support of what I state. This is a comparative statement of the taxes paid by the undermentioned companies in 1910-11 and 1913-14.

	1910-11	1913-14
CAN. PACIFIC RAILWAY. . .	\$25,819.62	\$61,247.08
ALLAN Co. . . . .	1,689.87	4,214.50
RICHELIEU Co . . . . .	3,228.94	8,327.75
CAN. NORTHERN Railway Co.	4,980.65	11,305.50
Q. R. L. & P. Co . . . . .	9,070.66	17,104.00
Renaud Estate (2 lots, St. Roch St.	247.07	1,864.5
Baby Estate (1 lot St. Roch St. .	634.97	3,488.80
LA CIE PAQUET Ltd . . . . .		
HUNT ESTATE . . . . .	3,308.04	5,947.00
P. T. LEGARE, Ltd . . . . .	539.50	2,346.00
Dominion Fish & Fruit Co., Ltd .	1,049.40	3,520.00
NATIONAL Breweries, Ltd . . .	4,328.98	7,486.50

I wish also to remark that the estimates for 1913-14 are as follows :

The appropriations for 1913-14 . . . . . \$1,200,000.00  
 Revenue, according to the valuation role . . 1,280,666.85

This statement shows that the taxes cannot be lowered but that on the other hand, there is no danger that they will be increased, even with the annexation of Montcalmville and the Little River.

I also consider it my duty to publish a statement from our building inspector, which shows the increase in the construction of property, an increase which is considerable and satisfactory enough and the first effect of the important improvements accomplished during the past few years.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Yours truly,

NAP. DROUIN,

Mayor of Quebec.