

For the present purpose, however, it is not necessary to analyze or explain debts but only to present their true proportions.

If only the direct total debt of the Dominion is taken into consideration the curve shows a decline between 1920 and 1930, after war expenditures dropped off and war taxes reached their full yield. If, however, the obligations assumed in the guarantee of principal and interest of the bonds of certain government owned or controlled enterprises are recognized, then the curve of Dominion liabilities is still sweeping upward, and the field of government administration of money and credit is still expanding.

Provinces and Municipalities had no direct part in financing the war, whatever indirect effects there may have been on their revenues and expenditures because of conditions caused by the war. Yet the debts of these governments have increased at a very rapid rate since 1913 and are still going up.

As between 1913 and 1931 the percentage increase in Provincial debts was even greater than in Dominion debts.

Figures for Municipalities are too incomplete for definite comparisons, but the trend is clear.

GROSS DEBTS OF GOVERNMENTS (For Certain Years)

	Dominion	Dom. Incl. Guar. Bonds	Provincial	Municipal
1870	-----\$ 115,993,706	-----	-----	-----
1913	----- 483,232,555	-----	*\$ 178,000,000	*\$ 416,000,000
1920	----- 3,041,529,587	-----	409,756,192	737,175,550
1930	----- 2,544,586,411	\$3,165,412,821	1,140,953,696	1,209,645,181
1931	----- 2,610,265,698	3,348,975,668	1,276,629,288	*1,430,000,000

*Estimated.