

**CANADA'S WAR BORROWINGS AND WAR EXPENDITURE.**

THERE appears to be considerable misapprehension throughout Canada in regard to Canada's war borrowings. From the best information available the Liberal Monthly has compiled the following statement which we believe to be accurate in every respect.

**Canada's Expenditure.**

Canada's war expenditure up to September 1st, 1917, was approximately \$580,000,000

To this amount must be added the up-keep of troops in France not yet settled for and which according to the past settlements can be estimated at approximately 60,000,000 making a total on war expenditure up to 1st of September, 1917 \$640,000,000

(In addition to this amount for war expenditure at the end of the war Canada will be obliged to pay her proportionate share of the amount of ammunitions, munitions, guns, etc., etc., which our Canadian soldiers have used and are using.)

**Canada's Borrowings.**

Since the outbreak of war Canada has borrowed and has outstanding on September 1st, 1917, the following:

From Canadian Banks by way of Treasury bills:—	
Against Imperial Treasury bills.....	\$100,000,000
Dominion Treasury bills.....	\$125,000,000
Domestic War loans:—	
1st \$100,000,000.....	
2nd \$100,000,000.....	
3rd \$150,000,000.....	\$350,000,000
Debenture Stock and war savings certificates (estimate).....	15,000,000
New York:—	
Public Service Loan, April, 1916	75,000,000
Loan August 1st, 1917.....	\$100,000,000
London:—	
Borrowed on London Market, 1915, £5,000,000 due 1940-60	24,000,000
Borrowed from British government for requirements in London, £69,500,000.....	339,000,000
<b>Making a total borrowing since the outbreak of war.....</b>	<b>\$1,128,000,000</b>
Against this it would be safe to assume that part of the \$100,000,000 loan of August 1st, 1917, is still available say.....	\$60,000,000
Also it will be necessary to take into account the discounts on the loan at a generous rate say 5%.....	\$56,000,000
<b>Totalling.....</b>	<b>116,000,000</b>

Leaving a net borrowed by Canada of \$1,012,000,000

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It should be mentioned that Canada has advanced to Great Britain for the Imperial Munitions Board in Canada the sum of \$335,600,000, to September 1st, 1917. It would be safe to say that \$300,000,000 of this was for munitions and approximately \$35,000,000 for cheese, hay, oats, etc., and ship construction. Thus we find that Canada has borrowed since the war started \$1,012,000,000 Canada has spent on actual war expenditure to September 1st, 1917 \$580,000,000 and Canada has advanced to Great Britain \$335,000,000

Making a total of.....	915,000,000
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Leaving a balance of..... \$97,000,000 that Canada is in debt September 1st, 1917, over and above war expenditures and advances to the Imperial Government.

It is true that interest on public debt which amounts approximately to \$90,000,000 has had to be paid out of this amount, but it shows conclusively that Canada has not actually paid one cent of her war expenditures out of ordinary or special war tax revenue, but has had to borrow every dollar spent on war and every dollar advanced to the Imperial Government and in addition to this as stated above Canada will have a huge sum to pay when the British Government render an account at the end of the war for the ammunition, munitions and guns and equipment used by our Canadian soldiers at the front.