



The administration building in one of the larger settlements which houses the post office, the telegraph office, the magistrate's office and the police station.

total population under municipal government was approximately 78,500, including 45,000 in the city of St. John's. The "company towns" of Grand Falls and Corner Brook are administered by the pulp and paper companies situated there, and Buchans by the mining company.

St. John's city council, which dates from 1888, is responsible for the city's water supply, sewage and sanitation, streets and lighting, and various services which require regulation, such as building. The city of St. John's has contributed over \$2,000,000 to a housing development since the Second World War. Transportation is provided by private companies under franchise. Police, fire and public health and welfare services are provided by the Government of Newfoundland, the city making an annual contribution for fire protection. Municipal elections are held every four years. The city is empowered to enact bylaws.

Municipal governments in Newfoundland are very dependent on the central government. The amount collected in taxes is small; few municipalities impose property taxes. A large part of municipal revenue is provided by the central government, which makes a grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to \$3,000 and on a graduated scale thereafter. Municipal Councils outside St. John's look after such matters as local roads and bridges, the enforcement of sanitary regulations, the training of local fire brigades, sewage and water systems and local public buildings. There are no organized units of local government comparable to townships or counties such as exist in other eastern provinces of Canada.

Because of the nature of the economy, the small and scattered settlements and the low real property values, local and municipal governmental institutions are likely to be proportionately much fewer and Newfoundland's financial and administrative problems are likely to remain substantially different from those of other provinces.