

1895 and 101 in 1894, and the population has increased from about 2,000 in 1890 to nearly 4,000 in 1895.

The debt of the Town is to-day \$700,000 of which there has been expended on Drains, \$355,000, Roads, Quarry, Yard and Plant \$197,000, Town Hall, Fire Station, Fire Alarm System, etc. \$31,000, and the balance in awards which are in process of repayment by the parties interested.

And here, I wish to say a word about criticism which has appeared from time to time as to the proportion which our debt bears to our valuation roll. If these critics would but remember that if we had adopted the usual plan of compelling cash payments by proprietors for Drainage and Roads our debt would be diminished by \$185,000 under the former account and \$132,000 under the latter, or a total of about \$317,000, leaving our actual debt under \$400,000, I think they would be compelled to admit that Westmount has not expended more than was justifiable in bringing itself up to