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## The 1930 Budget of Current Revenues and Expenditures for the City of Toronto

Story No. 1

The total net revenue from which the current civic appropriations are made is estimated at \$33,767,364 as compared with \$32,106 832 in 1929.

The gross current revenue applicable to current expenses is considerably larger, including as it does governmental educational subventions, etc., and reserves for deferred expenditures. This gross figure will appear in following issues of this series.

Both revenues and expenditures are set forth in estimated totals and their equivalents in mills on the taxable assessment, as if all revenue available for appropriations were raised through the tax rate and all expenditures made from tax funds.

**CITY OF TORONTO**  
**Revenue, corresponding Mill Rate, etc.**  
**1930 - 1929**  
**(Based on official estimates for each year)**

PURPOSE	Amount of Levy		Mill Rate		Assessment Basis	
	1930	1929	1930	1929	1930	1929
	Education in schools Public school supporters.....	\$9,842,965	\$9,346,896	10.25	10.20	\$ 960,289,296
Separate school supporters.....	754,545	737,081	14.60	14.45	51,681,133	51,009,041
Total schools.....	\$10,597,510	\$10,083,977	21.55	21.80	\$1,011,970,429	\$967,371,437
General purposes.....	20,284,657	19,105,613			941,283,372	896,977,126
All purposes (gross).....	30,882,167	29,189,590	31.80 P*	31.50 P*		
Less reserve for taxes uncollectable, etc.....	487,529	608,660	36.15 S*	35.75 S*		
Total net taxation.....	\$30,394,638	\$28,580,930	.49	.68		
<b>B—REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXATION</b>						
SOURCE	AMOUNT		Equivalent of mill rate on general assessment		*The official tax rates. The mill rates have gone up over 1929; but are the same as those of 1928. (see White Paper No. 140).	
	1930	1929	1930	1929		
Surplus available for appropriation.....	\$ 904,130	\$1,218,181	.96	1.36		
General appropriation withdrawn.....	6,000	20,573	.006	.02		
General revenue.....	1,559,650	1,296,500	1.65	1.45		
Waterworks surplus.....	902,946	990,648	.95	1.10		
Total revenue other than taxation.....	\$3,372,726	\$3,525,902	3.56	3.93		
Total revenue (including net taxation).....	\$33,767,364	\$32,106,832	34.87 P	34.75 P		
			39.22 S	39.00 S		

P.—Public School Supporters. S.—Separate School Supporters.

**CITY OF TORONTO**  
**The equivalent of expenditures in mills on the assessment**  
**(Based on official estimates for each year)**

Service	Amount of Expenditure		Equivalent in Mills	
	1930	1929	1930	1929
Education in schools				
Industrial.....	\$ 13,328	\$ 12,727	.013	.013
Secondary—				
Technical.....	1,026,186	921,082	1.013	.952
Commercial.....	677,643	576,377	.669	.596
Collegiate.....	1,423,614	1,342,723	1.406	1.388
Elementary—				
Public.....	6,864,780	6,642,536	7.149	7.249
Separate.....	594,333	586,604	11.500	11.500
Total school expenditures....	\$10,599,884	\$10,082,049	10.25*	10.20*
			14.60**	14.45**
General—				
Telephone Exchange.....	\$ 8,150	\$ 7,900	.009	.009
Court of Revision.....	4,000	4,000	.004	.004
City Relief Office.....	18,606	18,917	.020	.021
Special Grants.....	35,950	40,750	.038	.046
Audit Department.....	108,035	104,887	.115	.117
Law Department.....	92,640	97,920	.098	.107
City Council.....	121,405	104,337	.129	.116
Unemployment Relief.....	150,000	125,000	.159	.139
Architect's Department....	169,178	165,803	.180	.186
City Clerk's Department..	164,310	183,370	.175	.204
Courts, Inquests, etc.....	234,335	232,860	.249	.260
Mothers' Allowance Comm.	248,000	242,000	.264	.270
Assessment Department....	328,350	311,505	.349	.347
Treasury Department.....	372,370	361,060	.396	.403
Public Libraries.....	467,010	405,114	.496	.452
Items at large.....	1,161,238	883,845	1.234	.985
Hospitals and Homes.....	925,000	960,793	.983	1.071
Health Department.....	1,232,737	1,150,430	1.310	1.282
Property Department.....	1,253,000	1,227,439	1.331	1.368
Parks Department.....	1,277,204	1,265,806	1.357	1.411
Works Department.....	1,547,418	1,298,290	1.644	1.447
Street Cleaning Dept.....	1,973,640	1,919,260	2.097	2.140
Police Department.....	2,452,023	2,927,824	2.605	3.264
Fire Department.....	2,594,354	2,510,833	2.756	2.799
Undistributed debt. charges	4,687,195	4,172,456	4.980	4.652
Total Departmental Exp....	\$21,626,148	\$20,722,399†	22.978	23.100
Deficits on Special Services				
Housing.....	\$ 17,040	\$ 17,350	.018	.019
Abattoir.....	28,368	40,171	.030	.045
Royal Winter Fair.....	104,538	87,568	.111	.098
Island Ferry.....	48,500	50,000	.052	.056
Can. National Ex.....	137,886	70,890	.147	.079
Radials.....	315,000	350,000	.335	.390
Harbour Commission.....	890,000	686,405	.946	.765
Total Deficit on Spec. Serv...	\$1,541,332	\$1,302,384	1.639	1.452
Total General Expenditures..	\$23,167,480	\$22,024,783	24.617	24.552
Total Expenditure.....	\$33,767,364	\$32,106,832	34.87* or 39.22**	34.75* or 39.00**

\* Public School Supporters. \*\* Separate School Supporters.

† From last year's estimates and as appearing in Bureau's White Paper No. 140, May 1929. There is a slight variation in this year's draft estimates for 1929 figures, the total being \$20,710,637, with small variations in items, but not sufficient to affect comparisons.

## COMMENT

1. The mill rate for public schools is lower than in 1929. That for separate schools is the same and those for secondary schools—collegiate, technical and commercial—are higher.
2. The mill rate for departmental expenditures is lower than in 1929, due largely to the fact that last year's estimates contained a large expenditure, of a capital nature, for the Police Signal System. The reduction of about \$19,000 in the Department of the City Clerk is due to the absence of a municipal by-election which item in 1929 cost over \$22,000. There were mill rate increases in eight items and decreases in fifteen.
3. The mill rate for deficits on special services is nearly 13% higher than in 1929. This is due largely to the Harbour current deficit, city's share, for which, apparently, last year's provision was not adequate, but which now appears to be on a more accurate basis. There were mill rate increases in three items and decreases in four.

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