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TORONTO'S CURRENT BUDGET, 1944

Estimated Revenue and Expenditure \$34,968,251.*

Story No. 2

WHAT THIS MONEY WAS SPENT FOR (COMMUNITY SERVICES ANALYZED BY MAIN FUNCTIONS)

The years 1933 to 1940, both inclusive, during which years all or part of the Cost of Current Employment Relief was borrowed, are omitted, as well as 1941.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM ESTIMATED CURRENT REVENUE, 1944

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| A. Total from Sources other than Local Taxation, as under: | \$ 4,894,387 |
| 1. General: Fines, Provincial Grants for Schools and Libraries, Licenses, Rents, Special Charges, etc..... | \$ 2,555,764 |
| City..... | \$ 1,742,714 |
| Board of Education (Net)..... | \$ 769,033 |
| Separate School Board..... | \$ 35,568 |
| Public Library Board (Net)..... | \$ 44,017 |
| 2. Special Services: Water Works Surplus..... | 544,639 |
| 3. Provincial Subsidy of 2 mills on general assessment..... | 1,758,416 |
| B. Total from Local Taxation, as under: | \$ 29,925,768 |
| 1. Supplementary Revenue from Taxation..... | \$ 245,117 |
| 2. Tax Levy Net..... | \$ 29,680,651 |
| C. Surplus brought forward from 1943..... | \$ 148,096 |
| Total estimated revenue and surplus..... | \$ 34,968,251 |

NOTE

1. Approximate—For Toronto Area only.

*This total is greater than that given in Story No. 1 (White Paper No. 291, May 1st, 1944) by \$35,568, as a result of obtaining further information not then available.

**Estimated Current Expenditures for the Years 1930 to 1932 and 1942 to 1944 (both inclusive), Analyzed by Cost of Main Functions
to be Met out of Taxation and Revenue other than Taxation.**

| COMMUNITY SERVICES BY MAIN FUNCTIONS | TOTAL | | | | | | PER CAPITA | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 1944 | 1943 | 1942 | 1932 | 1931 | 1930 | 1944 | 1943 | 1942 | 1932 | 1931 | 1930 |
| General Government..... | \$ 4,391,174 | \$ 3,897,171 | \$ 3,909,139 | \$ 4,156,319 | \$ 4,543,338 | \$ 3,637,223 | \$ 6.46 | \$ 5.78 | \$ 5.84 | \$ 6.63 | \$ 7.24 | \$ 5.85 |
| Protection of Persons and Property..... | 5,234,722 | 5,100,106 | 4,886,146 | 6,152,768 | 6,016,129 | 6,218,191 | 7.70 | 7.56 | 7.30 | 9.82 | 9.59 | 10.00 |
| Health and Sanitation..... | 4,485,064 | 4,245,700 | 3,933,742 | 4,240,838 | 4,229,809 | 4,011,583 | 6.59 | 6.30 | 5.88 | 6.77 | 6.74 | 6.45 |
| Highways..... | 2,330,690 | 2,321,184 | 2,420,911 | 3,094,780 | 3,631,504 | 3,530,684 | 3.43 | 3.44 | 3.62 | 4.94 | 5.79 | 5.68 |
| Education*..... | 13,209,885 | 12,799,982 | 12,548,985 | 12,513,049 | 12,491,296 | 11,865,987 | 19.42 | 18.98 | 18.75 | 19.96 | 19.92 | 19.09 |
| Recreation..... | 1,477,834 | 1,454,953 | 1,377,907 | 1,918,150 | 2,020,748 | 1,923,013 | 2.17 | 2.16 | 2.06 | 3.06 | 3.22 | 3.10 |
| Welfare, Charities and Corrections (including Direct Unemployment Relief as shown below)..... | 2,910,303 | 3,196,907 | 4,313,120 | 2,730,662 | 2,890,183 | 2,442,814 | 4.28 | 4.74 | 6.45 | 4.36 | 4.61 | 3.93 |
| Special Grants..... | 32,973 | 32,443 | 33,414 | 36,750 | 38,050 | 35,950 | .05 | .05 | .05 | .06 | .06 | .06 |
| Deficits on Special Services..... | 895,606 | 999,327 | 789,113 | 1,848,998 | 1,625,368 | 1,541,332 | 1.32 | 1.48 | 1.18 | 2.95 | 2.59 | 2.48 |
| General Deficit from previous year..... | (Surplus) | (Surplus) | (Surplus) | (Deficit) | (Surplus) | (Surplus) | (Surplus) | (Surplus) | (Surplus) | 1.40 | (Surplus) | (Surplus) |
| Total Expenditure..... | \$34,968,251 | \$34,047,773 | \$34,212,477 | \$37,572,602 | \$37,486,425 | \$53,206,777 | \$51.42 | \$50.49 | \$51.13 | \$59.95 | \$59.76 | \$56.64 |
| Population (Actual)..... | 680,000 (Estimated) | 674,285 | 669,130 | 626,674 | 627,231 | 621,596 | (Est.) | | | | | |

*Current expenditures out of revenue from all sources, as with all main functions. Includes Public Schools, Separate Schools, Collegiate Institutes, Public Library, etc.

C O M M E N T

1. The heading "general government", includes all the "overhead", debenture debt which cannot be allocated to any other general function, and miscellaneous items which cannot be otherwise classified on information available. It is not therefore strictly comparable from year to year. It is interesting to note, however, that while this item indicates an increase over the previous year, it is much less than in 1931. It was, however, about 12.56% of the total gross estimated expenditure in 1944, and about 12.12% of the corresponding total in 1931.
2. The estimated expenditure on "protection of persons and property" increased slightly over that of 1941, but was almost identical on the per capita basis. The 1944 figure is almost \$1,000,000 less than that of 1930, despite increases in salaries in the meantime.
3. The estimated expenditure on health and sanitation is the largest in 1944 of any year in the statement above.
4. With one exception, the estimated expenditure on highways is the lowest in 1944 of any year quoted. A survey of the City streets shows the result of a one third decrease since 1930.
5. For the third consecutive year there has been a decrease in the estimated expenditure on recreation. The 1944 figure is about \$445,000 less than that of 1930.
6. The estimated cost of education has increased for the third consecutive year.
7. The estimated total expenditure has increased over \$920,000 and the per capita from \$50.49 to \$51.42 (on estimated population). The per capita is, however, lower than in 1932 by about \$8.50.

QUERIES

1. When the boys get back and are absorbed in the Department for which they worked previous to enlistment, will there not be a corresponding increase in expenditures, or has a reserve been maintained since 1939 to provide for an equalization of costs?
2. Several, if not all, departments have experienced a decrease in personnel. Has this not been accompanied by a proportional decrease in services?
3. Have expenditures since 1939 on roadways and buildings, etc., belonging to the corporation been insufficient to maintain its physical assets?
4. When the time comes to provide for deferred maintenance and the capital expenditures necessitated by the postponement of essential improvements, will not the increased debt charges resulting, together with other increases made since 1939, lead to a higher tax rate and a rise in per capita costs?

What the City's 1944 Revenue was to be spent for:—

