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TORONTO'S 1945 BUDGET

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The amount to be spent by public elected bodies in the current year, from taxes, general revenues and governmental subventions is \$36,135,029.

This is an increase of \$1,166,778 over the corresponding figure for 1944, of which \$886,114. is on Education. The total proposed expenditure is slightly larger than that for 1940, and the largest since 1939 (See W.P. No. 280, June 30, 1943). If this increase means catching up on deferred maintenance, it is one thing. If it means increased cost of existing services, it is quite another. (It is interesting to note that the proposed increase in highway expenditure is only \$9,506 or an increase of slightly over four-tenths of one per cent). Look around you. Are the pavements in better physical condition than in 1940? Are the public buildings better painted and in a better state of repair?

Estimated Current Expenditures for the Years 1930, 1932, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 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					
	1945	1944	1943	1942	1932	1930	1945	1944	1943	1942	1932	1930
General Government.....	\$ 4,461,347	\$ 4,391,174	\$ 3,897,171	\$ 3,909,139	\$ 4,156,319	\$ 3,637,223	\$ 6.56	\$ 6.49	\$ 5.78	\$ 5.84	\$ 6.63	\$ 5.85
Protection of Persons and Property.....	5,347,896	5,234,722	5,100,106	4,886,146	6,152,768	6,218,191	7.87	7.73	7.56	7.30	9.82	10.00
Health and Sanitation.....	4,841,618	4,485,064	4,245,700	3,933,742	4,240,838	4,011,583	7.12	6.63	6.30	5.88	6.77	6.45
Highways.....	2,313,364	2,330,690	2,321,184	2,420,911	3,094,780	3,530,684	3.40	3.44	3.44	3.62	4.94	5.68
Education*.....	14,097,999	13,209,885	12,799,982	12,548,985	12,513,049	11,865,987	20.73	19.52	18.98	18.75	19.96	19.09
Recreation.....	1,479,737	1,477,834	1,454,953	1,377,907	1,918,150	1,923,013	2.18	2.18	2.16	2.06	3.06	3.10
Welfare, Charities and Corrections (including Direct Unemployment Relief).....	2,714,612	2,910,303	3,196,907	4,313,120	2,730,662	2,442,814	3.99	4.30	4.74	6.45	4.36	3.93
Special Grants.....	40,605	32,973	32,443	33,414	36,750	35,950	.06	.05	.05	.05	.06	.06
Deficits on Special Services.....	837,851	895,606	999,327	789,113	1,848,998	1,541,332	1.23	1.32	1.48	1.18	2.95	2.48
General Deficit if any, from previous year.....	(Surplus)	(Surplus)	(Surplus)	(Surplus)	880,288	(Surplus)			(Surplus)	(Surplus)	1.40	(Surplus)
					(Deficit)					(Deficit)		
Total Expenditure.....	\$36,135,029	\$34,968,251	\$34,047,773	\$34,212,477	\$37,572,602	\$35,206,777	53.14 (Est.)	\$51.66	\$50.49	\$51.13	\$59.95	\$56.64
Population.....	681,000 (Estimated)	676,887	674,285	669,130	626,674	621,596						

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

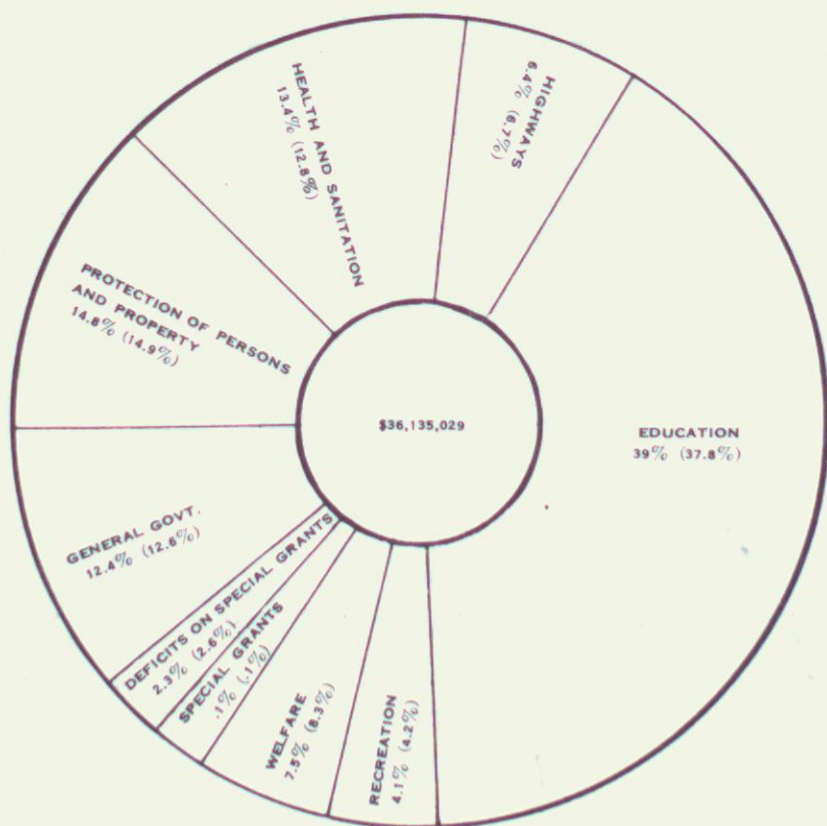
C O M M E N T

1. It is sometimes stated that government is mainly interested in the protection of property rights. This was true once, but has not been true for many years. If 50% only of the item "Protection of Persons and Property" is taken as referring to the protection of persons, the 1945 budget provides for the expenditure of \$24,328,577 on the protection, care and education of persons. This is 67.3% of the total proposed expenditure of \$36,135,029.
2. The heading of General Government covers a number of items which cannot be otherwise classified on information available besides all the overhead. While, therefore, not strictly comparable from year to year, it indicates trends. It has been on the increase for four years, but is not greatly different in total from the corresponding figure in 1931. (See W.P. 293, September, 1944) and on the per capita basis very considerably less.
3. The appropriations for Protection of Persons and Property is lower than it was in 1930 by over \$870,000.00. On a per capita basis it was \$10.00 in 1930 and \$7.87 in 1945, a decrease of over 21%. Were we spending too much then or too little now?
4. The estimated expenditure on Health and Sanitation, while still large, is slightly less than that of last year.
5. There is a very slight increase in recreation but it is still much lower than that of 1930.
6. The per capita estimated expenditure is the highest since 1939 but is lower than that of 1930 by \$3.50 (See W.P. 280, June 30th, 1943).

Q U E R I E S

1. As the City begins to catch up on deferred maintenance, as postponed capital works are undertaken and as new capital works are projected will not the tax rate and the tax levy increase?
2. Will this trend toward increased costs be accentuated by inflation?

WHAT THE CITY'S 1945 ESTIMATE REVENUE IS TO SPENT FOR



(The figures in brackets are those of preceding years).