

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Statement Showing Various Net Ordinary Expenditures, by Fiscal Periods, From Nov. 1, 1934, to March 31, 1940.

	Year Ending March 31.					Total.
	Five Months Ending March 31/35.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.		(Interim) 1940.
Education	\$ 3,429,631.44	\$ 9,835,581.81	\$10,001,950.31	\$11,143,886.65	\$12,504,922.47	\$12,649,911.06
Health	3,055,582.99	6,187,596.83	6,128,023.08	7,576,768.90	8,077,017.49	9,563,325.62
Agriculture	690,618.76	1,531,781.13	1,546,471.94	1,753,862.10	1,809,962.63	1,785,840.55
Unemployment direct relief and administration thereof	8,192,673.31	21,813,368.20	13,270,057.29	9,996,164.35	10,175,482.56	9,369,671.60
Mothers' Allowances	747,886.55	2,133,489.86	2,477,971.29	4,851,641.50	5,000,040.68	5,067,881.50
Old Age Pensions	687,087.26	1,770,885.31	1,882,713.46	3,082,112.46	3,166,625.40	3,239,381.38
Pensions for the Blind .....	.....	.....	.....	12,848.00	66,251.81	75,276.44
Subsidies—Municipal Affairs Dept. ....	.....	.....	.....	2,920,962.96	2,941,477.08	4,450,075.84
	\$16,803,480.31	\$43,272,703.14	\$35,307,187.37	\$41,338,246.92	\$43,741,780.12	\$46,201,363.39
						\$226,664,761.85

CIVIC SAVINGS OVER \$3,500,000 ARE PREDICTED

Hepburn Lauds Policy
of Municipal, Welfare
Branches Under Cross

DEBTS ARE REDUCED

Municipalities of Ontario will save more than \$3,500,000 during the fiscal year ending March 31 as a result of the continuance of the Government's policy of assuming its share of the cost of old-age pensions, pensions for the blind and mothers' allowances, Premier Hepburn forecast yesterday in a review of the municipal and welfare branches under Hon. Eric Cross.

He believed the department might look back with pride upon its accomplishments. Of outstanding note, he said, was the stabilization of municipal credit due to the amicable debt refundings for the supervised municipalities.

\$93,000,000 Refunded.

Out of a total of \$105,000,000 of debenture debt in default at one time, involving thirty-five municipalities, over \$93,000,000 has been refunded for some twenty-four municipalities. Debenture holders' committees have been arranged to carry out the plans of four more municipalities involving over \$9,500,000. Plans for two other municipalities are pending and preliminary surveys are now under consideration for the remaining five with a view to refunding at an early date.

Gross municipal debenture debt at the close of 1938 will amount to approximately \$404,300,000, a reduction of almost \$21,500,000 for the year. Thus the gross debenture debt of Ontario municipalities now stands at its lowest figure since 1923, when at Dec. 31 of that year it amounted to \$376,512,000.

Saving on Relief.

Referring back to the Department of Welfare, the Premier cited, as an indication to which the public generally is affected by this branch of the Government, that during the month of December, 1939, more than 290,000 persons were dependent, wholly or in part, upon its assistance.

Another saving which accrued to Ontario's municipalities this year was by reason of the arrangement made whereby the Dominion Government, the Province and the municipalities contribute on a 40-40-20 basis for unemployment relief, rather than by way of direct grant-in-aid, he said. "This change will result in a saving to Ontario municipalities of \$1,640,000 this year. On March 31, 1939, there were approximately 300,000 persons in receipt of relief and it is anticipated that in the same month this year the rolls will be decreased by about 85,000."