

### ***Local Improvements and Relief Works Debt***

During the boom years of the late 1920's the town of The Pas had incurred debts to carry out local improvements that amounted to \$16,876. In the early 1930's the town took on additional local improvements and relief works debt, amounting to \$33,552, in order to provide work for the unemployed in town. By 1932, therefore, the total local improvements and relief works debt amounted to \$50,428.

#### **Debt Incurred for Local Improvements and Relief Works in the Town of The Pas as of December 31, 1932**

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Amount of Issue</u>	<u>Year Payable</u>
Local Improvements	16/05/1927	10yrs	5½%	\$ 5,300	1937
Local Improvements	19/03/1928	10yrs	5%	\$ 6,200	1938
Local Improvements	15/06/1929	10yrs	5½%	\$ 5,376	1939
Local Improvements	07/05/1930	10yrs	6%	\$ 8,007	1940
Local Improvements	01/01/1931	10yrs	6%	\$16,032	1941
Relief Works	01/04/1932	1yr(10)	3½%	\$ 7,927	1942
Relief Works	01/04/1932	1yr (5)	5½%	\$ 1,586	1937

Source: *Town of The Pas, Statement of Debenture Indebtedness as of December 31, 1932*, Town of The Pas Fonds, Sam Waller Museum

Note: In 1933 the terms for the two relief works were extended to 10 years and 5 years as indicated in the brackets

These debts were handled in a different fashion than the earlier major debentures. On those earlier debentures, annual interest was paid but the entire amount of issue was due on the year payable and some payment toward the principal was placed in a sinking fund.

In the case of local improvement and relief works debt annual interest was paid, and some of the principal was also retired. For example, the required annual payment on the local improvement debt of \$5,300 issued in 1927 was \$703.15. Interest on this debt, at 5½ percent amounted to \$291.50. The balance of \$411.65 paid annually contributed to retiring the principal.

Before the debt consolidation of November 1, 1939 the town had paid off four of its debts, namely the three local improvements debts with 10 year terms that had been issued in 1927, 1928 and 1929, and the relief works debt issued in 1932 with a 5 year term. The debt still outstanding on the other three, totaling \$31,966 at the time of issue, had been reduced to just over \$5,918.

### ***The Housing Loan***

In 1920 the town secured a housing loan from the province. It arrived in two stages: \$16,500 in 1920, and an additional \$25,000 in 1921. The interest rate on this loan was 5%, which would amount to an annual interest cost of \$2,075. No term was given for the loan, and I found no clear indication whether some of the principal was to be retired annually in addition to interest being paid.

From evidence available from The Town of The Pas Fonds at the Sam Wallar Museum, it seems that the town in turn loaned this money to local residents for housing improvements, at an annual interest