

Statistical Notes on Mexico.

December 21st, 1882,	\$125,000 00	
July 9th, 1883.....	403,618 44	
July 19th, 1883.....	101,068 48	
July 12th, 1888.....	1,075,726 90	1,705,413 82
Total amount paid to Learned & Co.....		\$1,892,913 82

Of which amount the sum of \$230,413.82 represents interest accrued at the rate of 6% per annum; so that the 35 kilometers built by these contractors actually cost \$14,083.25 per kilometre.

2. CONTRACTOR, MR. DELPIN SANCHEZ.—(Agreement of October 5th, 1882.)

This contractor received from the Government the sum of.....	\$1,079,135 40	
For the purchase of material, which he only accounted for the amount of \$908,910.50 the balance of.....	\$170,224 90	
Having been donated to the contractor according to special agreement of April 25th, 1888.		
The same contractor received in 150 weekly installments of \$1900 each during the fiscal years 1885, 1888....	\$285,000 00	
Mr. Sanchez delivered as constructed 74 kilometers which were paid to him at the rate of \$25,000 each.....	\$1,850,000 00	\$2,305,224 90

3. MAC-MURDO CONTRACT.—(Agreement approved by Decree of October 15th, 1888.)

For the completion of the construction and the furnishing of all the rolling material, etc., and for which the Contractors received in payment in 5% Bonds, special issue, principal and interests payable in sterling currency, £2,700,000.....	\$13,500,000 00	
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This contract was rescinded on the 13th of January, 1892, when the contractors, in settlement of accounts, surrendered to the Government the sum of about \$2,000,000 as surplus proceeding from the sale of the said bonds, and delivered, more or less, 250 kilometres of the lines as built or repaired within the stipulations of the said contract.

4. STANHOPE, HAMPSON & CORHEL CONTRACT.—(Made under Decree of December 6th, 1893.)

For the construction of 59 kilometres and the completion of all the necessary works for the preservation and working of the whole line, for the fixed sum of.....	\$1,483,035 00	
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Total cost of the line..... \$19,181,173 72

Public Debt.

PUBLIC DEBT.

In the first part of this paper I gave a brief statement of the different loans and liabilities which constitute the Mexican debt, and that statement will make it easy to understand the different issues and denominations of our bonds. Here I append a detailed statement of the National Debt of Mexico, up to June 30, 1896, submitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury on the 14th of December, 1896, and a further statement containing the same data in a more concise form.

STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL DEBT OF MEXICO TO JUNE 30, 1896.

<i>Bonded Debt, Principal and Interest payable in Sterling currency.</i>		
Six per cent. interest bearing Bonds for the Loan of 1888, with .. % sinking fund, Capital and Interest.....	\$51,908,786 50	
Six per cent. interest bearing Bonds for the Loan of 1890, with .. % sinking fund, Capital and Interest.....	30,068,710 25	
Six per cent. interest bearing Bonds for the Loan of 1893, with .. % sinking fund, Capital and Interest.....	15,325,561 50	
Five per cent. interest bearing Bonds for the Construction of the Tehuantepec Railway, 1889, Capital....	13,500,000 00	
Six per cent. (non converted balance) Bonds of the Loan, contracted in London, 1851, Capital.....	134,153 12	
Total amount of outstanding Bonds, payable in Sterling currency.....	\$110,937,211 37	
<i>Bonded Debt, Principal and Interest payable in Mexican Silver currency.</i>		
Three per cent. interest bearing Bonds of the Interior Consolidated Debt, Capital and Interest.....	\$52,464,927 60	
Five per cent. interest bearing Bonds of the Interior Redeemable Debt, first series, Capital and Interest....	19,095,689 48	
Five per cent. interest bearing Bonds of the Interior Redeemable Debt, second series, Capital and Interest....	987,127 15	
Subsidy Bonds, non converted balances, for sundry works and railways, Capital.....	9,792,865 75	
Total	83,240,609 98	
Railway Construction Certificates, pending of conversion, Capital.....	219 17	
Balance-certificates corresponding to the fiscal years comprehended between 1882 and 1894, Capital pending of conversion.....	329,221 91	
Total amount of bonded debt, payable in Mexican Silver currency.....	83,570,051 06	
Grand Total of Bonded Liabilities.....	\$194,507,262 43	
<i>Liabilities from various sources, and in forms, other than Bonds, payable in Mexican Silver currency.</i>		
To Railway, Harbor Works and Drainage of the Valley of Mexico, Contractors.....	\$ 501,741 02	
To Unpaid for Appropriations in the Budgets for the fiscal years between 1891 and 1896.....	612,337 82	
To other credits pending of settlement: on account of the same Budgets.....	600,894 63	
To Balances in Account-current due various Contractors with some of the Executive Departments.....	315,818 95	
To sundry, cash or otherwise executed, Deposits, as guarantee for pending contracts.....	2,681,662 95	
To provisional certificates issued on account of the 1888, 1890 and 1893, Sterling Loans.....	3,738,684 12	
To cash or other values pending of classification in the corresponding accounts.....	74,434 57	
To cash Receipts on account of credits, other than fiscal and pending of payment to the corresponding offices.	32,829 68	
To Balance due to Mint-Lessee.....	48,214 89	
To outstanding Bills Payable.....	111,186 28	
Total Amount of Liabilities from various sources and in forms other than Bonds....	8,717,804 91	
Grand Total of the Mexican National Debt.....	\$203,225,067 34	

EARNINGS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE POST-OFFICE AND TELEGRAPH SERVICES DURING THE LAST TWENTY-SEVEN FISCAL YEARS, FROM JULY 1, 1869, TO JUNE 30, 1896.

FISCAL YEARS.	POST-OFFICE.		TELEGRAPH.		BOTH SERVICES.—TOTAL.	
	Dr. Expenditure.	Cr. Earnings.	Dr. Expenditure.	Cr. Earnings. ¹	Dr. Expenditure.	Cr. Earnings. ¹
1869-1870...	\$ 132,399 06	\$ 120,120 24	\$ 29,212 73	\$ 1,809 53	\$ 161,611 79	\$ 1,809 53
1870-1871...	154,574 90	167,348 85	84,150 00	.....	238,724 90	.....
1871-1872...	340,324 63	265,440 22	48,379 77	.....	388,704 40	.....
1872-1873...	457,153 19	474,819 11	72,418 06	.....	529,572 15	.....
1873-1874...	491,199 48	523,583 09	174,504 32	.....	665,703 80	.....
Total in five years..	\$ 1,575,651 26	\$ 1,551,311 51	\$ 408,665 78	.....	\$ 1,984,317 04	.....
Average per annum.	\$ 315,130 25	\$ 310,262 30	\$ 81,733 16	.....	\$ 396,863 41	.....
1874-1875...	\$ 641,836 35	\$ 549,820 14	\$ 190,366 06	.....	\$ 832,202 41	.....
1875-1876...	480,299 37	455,473 12	161,795 66	.....	642,095 03	.....
1876-1877...	530,032 95	441,329 10	134,830 02	.....	664,862 97	.....
1877-1878...	682,076 21	590,384 36	241,200 00	.....	923,276 21	.....
1878-1879...	867,789 75	679,392 06	259,095 86	\$ 1,789 15	1,126,885 61	.....
Total in five years..	\$ 3,202,034 63	\$ 2,716,398 78	\$ 987,287 60	.....	\$ 4,189,322 23	.....
Average per annum.	\$ 640,406 93	\$ 543,279 76	\$ 197,457 52	.....	\$ 837,864 45	.....
1879-1880...	\$ 892,856 73	\$ 702,080 39	\$ 348,290 24	\$ 101,064 69	\$ 1,241,146 97	\$ 803,145 08
1880-1881...	983,606 17	833,830 87	196,542 94	135,144 02	1,180,149 11	968,974 89
1881-1882...	873,201 78	704,766 47	570,155 25	174,301 24	1,443,357 03	879,067 71
1882-1883...	840,354 70	795,122 86	916,657 53	219,384 91	1,757,012 23	1,014,507 77
1883-1884...	878,519 75	698,019 36	677,729 50	239,051 45	1,556,249 25	937,070 81
Total in five years..	\$ 4,468,539 13	\$ 3,733,819 95	\$ 2,709,375 46	\$ 868,946 31	\$ 7,177,914 59	\$ 4,602,766 26
Average per annum.	\$ 893,707 83	\$ 746,763 99	\$ 541,875 09	\$ 173,789 26	\$ 1,435,582 92	\$ 920,553 25
1884-1885...	\$ 1,411,183 03	\$ 642,660 19	\$ 618,829 54	\$ 180,820 77	\$ 2,030,012 57	\$ 823,480 96
1885-1886...	751,227 37	672,329 80	622,858 67	155,442 82	1,374,086 04	827,772 62
1886-1887...	943,322 74	739,732 65	718,821 70	197,478 87	1,662,154 44	937,211 52
1887-1888...	956,701 47	793,873 74	799,074 24	275,856 95	1,755,775 71	1,069,730 69
1888-1889...	1,049,880 10	880,530 93	820,072 05	329,493 13	1,869,952 15	1,210,024 06
Total in five years..	\$ 5,112,324 71	\$ 3,729,127 31	\$ 3,579,656 20	\$ 1,139,092 54	\$ 8,691,980 91	\$ 4,868,219 85
Average per annum.	\$ 1,022,464 94	\$ 745,825 46	\$ 715,931 24	\$ 227,818 51	\$ 1,738,396 18	\$ 973,643 97
1889-1890...	\$ 1,126,436 69	\$ 994,112 87	\$ 872,316 80	\$ 388,926 07	\$ 1,998,753 58	\$ 1,383,038 94
1890-1891...	1,196,329 63	1,084,153 40	972,164 06	462,076 50	2,168,493 69	1,546,229 99
1891-1892...	1,342,437 11	1,127,563 18	1,045,726 44	501,802 33	2,388,163 55	1,629,365 51
1892-1893...	1,278,587 20	1,153,401 20	1,073,105 81	528,881 96	2,351,693 01	1,682,283 16
1893-1894...	1,250,855 82	1,213,309 46	954,864 48	524,634 33	2,205,720 30	1,737,943 79
Total in five years..	\$ 6,194,646 45	\$ 5,572,540 11	\$ 4,918,177 68	\$ 2,406,321 28	\$ 11,112,824 13	\$ 7,978,861 39
Average per annum.	\$ 1,238,929 29	\$ 1,114,508 02	\$ 983,635 54	\$ 481,264 26	\$ 2,222,564 83	\$ 1,595,772 28
1894-1895...	\$ 633,201 36	\$ 1,337,691 40	\$ 531,949 48	\$ 547,308 67	\$ 1,165,150 84	\$ 1,885,000 07
1895-1896...	1,228,784 30	1,062,415 99	1,025,347 29	622,340 69	2,254,131 59	1,684,756 68
Total in two years..	\$ 1,861,985 66	\$ 2,400,107 39	\$ 1,557,296 77	\$ 1,169,649 36	\$ 3,419,282 43	\$ 3,569,756 75
Average per annum.	\$ 930,992 83	\$ 1,200,053 70	\$ 778,648 38	\$ 584,824 68	\$ 1,709,641 21	\$ 1,784,878 38
Total in the 27 years...	\$ 22,415,181 84	\$ 19,703,305 05	\$ 14,160,459 49	\$ 5,584,009 49	\$ 36,575,641 33	\$ 21,019,604 25
Average per annum.	\$ 830,191 92	\$ 729,752 04	\$ 524,461 46	\$ 328,471 14	\$ 1,354,653 38	\$ 1,236,447 30

¹ The totals and averages per annum in the columns marked "Earnings" and "Total Earnings" only embrace seventeen years, as the returns for the first ten years being very incomplete are not computed.

NUMBER OF PIECES TRANSPORTED BY MEXICAN MAILES FROM 1878-1879 TO 1894-1895.

FISCAL YEARS.	NUMBER OF PIECES.
1878-1879	5,992,611
1879-1880	5,786,790
1880-1881	6,141,790
1881-1882	6,732,504
1882-1883	10,640,516
1883-1884	10,488,518
1884-1885	11,905,209
1885-1886	13,289,591
1886-1887	16,504,034
1887-1888	27,429,018
1888-1889	43,052,800
1889-1890	95,852,939
1890-1891	111,406,893
1891-1892	116,778,853
1892-1893	122,821,359
1893-1894	35,818,148
1894-1895	24,773,636

Total..... 665,415,209

Printed matter, samples, and parcel post articles in the year 1894-1895, weighed in grammes, 1,107,755,679.

The notable reduction which appears in the last two years is due to the fact that in the preceding years all correspondence was counted, namely: such pieces as were received and sent, and such as came in transit, while in the last two years only are accounted such as were sent.

BANKS.

The following statement contains a list of all the banks existing in Mexico up to December 31, 1895, and their respective condition:

LIST OF MEXICAN BANKS.

STATE.	LOCATION.	NAME OF BANK.	DATE OF CHARTER.
Federal District.	Mexico City....	National Bank of Mexico.....	February, 1882.
"	"	International and Hypothecary Bank of Mexico.....	May, 1883.
"	"	Bank of London and Mexico..	October, 1886.
Chihuahua..	Chihuahua City..	Mexican Chihuahua Bank....	September, 1888.
"	"	Chihuahua Mining Bank.....	September, 1888.
"	"	Chihuahua Bank.....	December, 1889.
"	"	Chihuahua Commercial Bank..	December, 1890.
Yucatan.....	Merida.....	Yucateco Bank.....	February, 1890.
"	"	Yucatan Mercantile Bank.....	March, 1890.
Durango.....	Durango City..	Durango Bank.....	June 1, 1891.
Zacatecas.....	Zacatecas City..	Zacatecas Bank.....	December, 1891.
New Leon.....	Monterey	New Leon Bank.....	February 18, 1892.

SITUATION OF THE MEXICAN BANKS ON DECEMBER 31, 1894.

	NATIONAL BANK OF MEXICO.	BANK OF LONDON AND MEXICO.	INTERNATIONAL AND HYPOTHECARY BANK OF MEXICO.	CHIHUAHUA MINING BANK.	MEXICAN CHIHUAHUA BANK.	CHIHUAHUA COMMERCIAL BANK, ON FEBRUARY 15, 1895.
Social capital....	\$20,000,000 00	\$3,000,000 00	\$5,000,000 00	\$ 600,000 00	\$610,000 00	\$600,000 00
Unpaid capital.	12,000,000 00	.....	1,500,000 00	.....	.....	300,000 00
Accumulated capital.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50,342 62	.....
Reserve funds..	1,796,100 51	1,100,000 00	34,500 00	105,000 00	108,600 00	5,000 00
Emergency funds.....	2,500,000 00	.....	.....	22,729 55	6,928 00	.....
Real estate.....	190,000 00	111,266 94	242,662 76	.....	100,855 86	.....
Cash.....	20,630,086 89	7,783,647 78	656,496 33	292,555 01	265,630 62	52,026 61
Cash in hand...	11,962,994 35	8,892,749 25	1,581,974 19	1,167,942 29	281,713 84	229,199 13
Guarantee advances.....	3,093,555 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Advances on mortgages....	.....	.....	2,788,527 85	.....	94,124 01	.....
Debtors' current accounts....	12,605,302 02	5,318,895 69	1,854,417 78	264,538 80	786,198 62	222,115 58
Bills in circulation.....	16,417,061 00	9,195,535 00	.....	538,429 25	287,133 28	122,782 00
Mortgage bonds in circulation.....	.....	.....	1,947,200 00	.....	.....	.....
Deposits and creditors' current accounts..	21,768,776 96	8,811,024 66	1,642,378 91	458,877 30	465,519 05	75,559 32

	CHIHUAHUA BANK, ON JANUARY 15, 1895.	YUCATECO BANK.	YUCATAN MERCANTILE BANK.	DURANGO BANK.	ZACATECAS BANK.	NEW LEON BANK.
Social capital....	\$500,000 00	\$1,000,000 00	\$ 750,000 00	\$500,000 00	\$600,000 00	\$600,000 00
Unpaid capital.	200,000 00	.....	240,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Reserve funds..	5,666 25	22,654 71	17,716 89	3,396 88	6,500 00	8,278 82
Real estate, furniture, etc....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	175,619 63
Cash.....	40,174 41	475,519 43	508,805 68	178,282 55	250,376 35	240,066 38
Cash in hand...	109,113 11	1,346,715 63	1,001,457 81	603,039 90	565,032 52	600,323 71
Guarantee advances.....	.....	.....	.....	71,894 13	98,196 13	231,094 10
Debtor's current accounts.....	285,441 59	172,391 75	426,601 32	322,927 09	339,306 74	118,521 26
Bills in circulation.....	98,885 00	658,726 00	658,312 00	227,079 00	185,346 00	565,418 00
Deposits and creditors' current accounts..	30,277 86	313,246 10	510,835 92	445,667 79	701,065 74	191,928 26

PUBLIC LANDS.

I append four statements of the titles of public lands issued by the Mexican Government. The first one embraces a résumé of the titles issued without cost, and under the act of December 14, 1874, of the Indian town lands held in common, called in Spanish "Ejidos" to the respective inhabitants of the said towns, from 1877 to 1895: the second embraces a résumé of the titles issued in 1894 and 1895 for public lands held by private parties as portions of public land bought from the government but which were in excess of the respective titles, which we call in Spanish "Demacias": the third one embraces a résumé of the titles of public lands issued to private parties in the years 1894

and 1895: and the fourth contains a résumé of the titles issued by the Mexican Government to surveying companies for one-third of the land respectively surveyed by them in 1894 and 1895, according to law and the respective contracts.

FREE TITLES ISSUED UNDER THE ACT OF DECEMBER 14, 1874, OF THE INDIAN TOWN LANDS TO THE RESPECTIVE INHABITANTS FROM 1877 TO 1895.

YEARS.	TITLES.	AREA.		
		Hectares.	Ares.	Cts.
1877.....	1	85	06	00
1878.....	195	3,572	71	41
1879.....	72	128,144	94	56
1880.....	2	5,000	00	00
1882.....	195	5,629	29	69
1883.....	259	14,616	14	13
1884.....	1,932	61,497	56	94
1885.....	383	13,068	18	08
1886.....	774	20,662	93	12
1887.....	254	2,999	85	98
1888.....	1,524	20,547	73	16
1889.....	2,237	100,627	65	32
1890.....	1,130	68,086	31	86
1891.....	499	6,516	74	22
1892.....	1,449	15,807	30	95
1893.....	452	17,709	59	08
1894.....	791	6,262	71	49
1895.....	273	6,160	03	65
Total.....	12,422	496,994	79	64

TITLES ISSUED FOR UNWARRANTED POSSESSION BY PRIVATE PARTIES OF PUBLIC LANDS IN 1894 AND 1895.

YEARS.	Number of Titles.	AREA.			VALUE.
		Hectares.	Ares.	Cts.	
1894.....	17	34,781	98	04	\$21,554 91
1895.....	10	69,557	33	21	20,254 12
	27	104,339	31	25	\$41,809 03

TITLES OF PUBLIC LANDS ISSUED TO PRIVATE PARTIES IN 1894 AND 1895.

YEARS.	Number of Titles.	AREA.			VALUE.
		Hectares.	Ares.	Cts.	
1894.....	21	86,385	63	26	\$140,067 72
1895.....	19	59,265	24	84	81,883 95
	40	145,650	88	10	\$221,951 67