

**EXTRACT FROM SPEECH OF THE HONOURABLE EDWARD BROWN AT MANITOU,
ON MAY 25th, 1920, AS IT APPEARED IN THE WINNIPEG FREE PRESS,
MAY 26th, 1920**

"He had travelled as he was charged with the responsible position of financing the Government, and he would like to remind their critics they had never paid a dollar to a commission agency, and that, during the last year of the late Government's administration, one item, approximating \$150,000 was ordered to be paid to one bank as commission. That was more than the travelling expenses of the present administration in five years."

Winnipeg, Man., June 7th, 1920.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. JOHN T. HARG:

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On April 1st, 1920, the Greater Winnipeg Water District had maturing in New York, \$2,000,000 of Debentures, which were issued on February 1, 1915. At that time the market was in a very bad condition and it was quite impossible to make a long term loan payable only in Canada.

We sold \$2,215,000.00, 10 year, 6% debentures, payable in Canadian cities and New York at 87.25 and interest, payment in New York funds.

The market improved considerably and about a month later, March 19, we were able to sell \$1,000,000.00 Greater Winnipeg Water District 6% debentures. The bonds were payable in Canada only and were sold at 98.389 or a 6.14 yield basis. This was a very high price and we were fortunate in striking the peak of the market, but conditions began to get worse, and on April 20, 1920, we sold, for School Board purposes, \$525,000.00, 6%, 20 year bonds, payable in Canada only, at 97.67 or a yield basis of about 6.21%.

Just now the market is in a very demoralized condition and no attempt should be made to issue debentures except where it is imperative to raise money. Neither Winnipeg or the Water District could hope to get any reasonable price just now, and both are fortunate in having their financing done for the present.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) H. C. THOMPSON,

City Treasurer.