

Government and Municipal Bond Market

Ontario Makes Another Five Million Dollar Loan—Securities Go to the United States—Moose Jaw Sells Bonds for Disposal Across the Line, but Has to Pay More than Seven Per Cent. for Its Money—Several other Municipal Issues

THERE was again considerable activity in the government and municipal bond market during the past week, but it cannot be said that there was any great strengthening in prices. Parry Sound paid a pretty stiff figure for its money, but that was only to be expected, in view of the location of the town.

The principal event of the week was the sale of \$5,000,000 Ontario securities. These bonds are now being offered in the United States to yield 6.80 per cent. Finance Commissioner Ross, of Toronto, in commenting on this sale in comparison with the deal which was negotiated by the city last week, speaks of the gambling by the province on exchange. The province, however, had no other alternative. All the provinces which have made loans in the United States this year have been gambling on exchange, but as there has been practically no market here for their securities except at rates which were altogether out of the question, they were justified in taking such a course, provided, however, that they can show that their borrowings were absolutely necessary.

Moose Jaw sold \$100,000 for disposal in the United States, but even at that the city had to pay more than 7 per cent. for its money. It is understood that an offer was made for bonds payable in Canada, but was considered too high.

Coming Offerings

The following is a list of debentures offered for sale, particulars of which are given in this or previous issues:—

Borrower.	Amount.	Rate %.	Maturity.	Tenders close.
Smith's Falls, Ont. . .	\$ 9,200	6½	20-instal.	Nov. 22
Pembroke, Ont.	47,000	6	10 & 30-inst.	Nov. 24
Freeman Twp., Ont..	10,000	7	20-instal.	Nov. 27
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.,				
S.S. B.	85,000	6		Nov. 30

Nottawasaga Tp., Ont.—Tenders will be received until November 25, 1920, for the purchase of \$14,500 6 per cent. school debentures, payable January 1, 1921-40, at Bank of Toronto, Stayner, Ont. The securities are guaranteed by the township of Nottawasaga, County of Simcoe. A. Campbell, R.R. No. 1, Smithdale, Ont.

Debenture Notes

Amherst, N.S.—All tenders have been rejected on the \$40,000 6 per cent. 30-instalment debentures.

Milton, Ont.—Town Clerk Hemstreet has been instructed to prepare a by-law for the issue of \$8,000 debentures for cement sidewalks.

Glance Bay, N.S.—Ratepayers have authorized the issue of \$6,000 debentures, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase electric meters.

Calgary, Alta.—A recommendation of the finance committee to borrow \$265,000 to capitalize over expenditures, largely on capital account, has been passed by the council.

Edmonton, Alta.—Five money by-laws totalling \$1,025,000, which are to be submitted to ratepayers at the December elections, have been approved by the council.

Toronto, Ont.—The council has agreed to issue debentures to the amount of \$150,000, without the vote of the people, for the proposed "pure food building" for the Canadian National Exhibition.

London, Ont.—At the January elections, citizens will be asked to vote on five debenture by-laws as follows: City's railway to the lake, \$257,000; Springbank improvement;

motor bus reserve fund; grants to childrens' hospital and home for incurables.

Winnipeg, Man.—The school board has authorized the sale of \$800,000 worth of bonds to cover expenses which have been incurred in construction work during the past year. The bonds to be sold consist of a portion of the \$1,500,000 issue voted by the ratepayers last May.

Kapuskasing, Ont.—In connection with the Spruce Falls Pulp and Paper Co., a new town is to be built in the vicinity, under the name of Spruce Falls, and electricity will be supplied by the paper company from its power plant, and the Ontario government will issue \$400,000 housing debentures to take care of the construction of dwellings.

Saskatoon, Sask.—City Treasurer Oliver advises *The Monetary Times* that the Local Government Board has given its consent to sell to the sinking fund \$52,200 City of Saskatoon 20-year 6½ per cent., debentures at a price of 93.64. The debentures will mature on July 1, 1940. The sale will not be made to the sinking fund until the debenture account is in need of the proceeds.

Nova Scotia.—The list of bids on the province's bond issue which was wired to *The Monetary Times*, and which was published in these columns last week, stated the offer of the Canadian Debentures Corporation and C. H. Burgess and Co. as being 101.97 for the 10-year securities payable in the United States. Confirmation of the list by mail shows that this bid should have been 101.07.

London, Ont.—Improvements involving a total expenditure of \$1,117,000 will be inaugurated by the city next year, providing the legislature gives its assent and the ratepayers are agreeable. Some of the issues are being sent direct to the legislature via the London bill, and others will be voted on in the municipal elections. No consideration is yet made for the board of education, which will ask for approximately \$750,000.

Ottawa, Ont.—The necessary permission has been given the city solicitor by the board of control to advertise immediately, notice of the application by the city to raise funds to purchase the Ottawa Electric Railway. Application is also being made to the provincial government for authority to raise money for construction of new mains and sewers amounting to \$100,000, installation of meters \$40,000, and installation of fire hydrants \$20,000.

Alberta.—The next irrigation project to come before the provincial legislature will probably be the South Macleod district. According to George Skelding, M.L.A., for Macleod, about 160,000 acres will be involved in this project, and the construction cost of the scheme will be far less than the Lethbridge Northern. The South Macleod lands will be bonded at about \$20 an acre, while the assessment on the Lethbridge Northern averages approximately \$50 an acre. In the Lethbridge Northern the water requires to be drawn from the south side by means of a huge viaduct, turned across the river to the north, after which the main canal for a few miles will be an expensive undertaking, the preliminary costs in the first stages of the contract amounting to over one million dollars.

Edmonton, Alta.—The city has been receiving inquiries for its securities, but as no bonds are to be placed on the market until after January 1, the finance committee recommended that all offers be rejected. A bond house on the coast has offered 83.09 for \$1,475,000 of 5½ per cent. bonds, due October 1, 1929. If the interest rate was changed to 6 per cent., 86.49 was offered. If the city favored selling these bonds in the form of three-year 6 per cent. notes, for \$1,250,000, the firm offered 98.25 and interest. For \$37,782 and \$19,257 of