

BONDS and MUNICIPAL CREDIT

MANY NEW BOND ISSUES

At Home and Overseas—Manitoba Stock Issue—Coming Railroad Flotations—Hotel Bonds.

Many new bond issues are being made at home and abroad. Several coming railroad flotations are noted below. Montreal will make a loan of \$5,000,000, and Canadian applications to London continue. The market for municipals is a little more active and industrials are enjoying still further patronage.

The supply of municipal bonds in the Maritime Provinces is now practically absorbed. Several borrowing bills are at present before the Nova Scotia legislature, with the result that shortly there should be many new issues in the market. The Maritime bonds are usually purchased by Maritime houses, few being obtained by the Toronto or Western bond houses.

Canadian Bargains in London Continue.

The London market continues to finance Canadian requirements. In addition to the £10,047,422, which we have borrowed from England already this year, the Dominion of Canada Trust Corporation, Limited, has obtained there £400,000 by public subscription. On Monday, the Canadian Western Lumber Company issued £1,500,000 5 per cent. debentures at 88. This company recently obtained a Dominion charter and purchased the holdings of the Fraser River Milling Company, whose mills are at New Westminster, B.C., and are probably the largest in the world. The company's charter is dated March 31st, and has wide powers consistent with the nature of its business. Its capital stock is \$10,000,000 divided into 100,000 shares of \$100 each. Toronto is to be the head office. The names of the provisional directors are those of barristers and do not clearly indicate who are really backing this big concern. It is understood that Mr. D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern, is interested. Several of the provisional directors are in the legal department of the Canadian Northern Railway.

Manitoba Stock Underwritten in London.

Hon. Hugh Armstrong, provincial treasurer, of Manitoba, has received a cable from the government agent in London, stating that a million dollars of new Manitoba stock has been underwritten at 103. This is the first sale of stock since the new plan was inaugurated. Formerly each issue of provincial bonds was sold separately, but now all the provincial loans will be simply Manitoba stock, and listed accordingly. It was thought this would appeal to the investor and place the provincial credit on a more substantial basis. The Monetary Times' advices state that the issue was well received.

Large Montreal Loan Advertised.

As previously noted in these columns, the City of Montreal proposes to float a loan of £1,000,000 sterling or \$5,000,000 currency in the shape of 40-year 4 per cent. registered stock or coupon bonds to mature May 1st, 1950. Tenders for this loan are now being invited until April 28th. Registers for stock are maintained in Montreal and in London between which domiciles the loan is interchangeable, and at which places interest will be paid to the registered holders. Coupons of bonds will be payable at the place specified in the bonds. Stock is in multiples of £ if in Stg.; or \$100 if in Cy.—Bonds \$500 or \$1,000 each. Purchasers of the whole loan will have the privilege of electing domicile, but must designate the same in their tenders and state the cost of service throughout the currency of the loan, as well as for its redemption.

Montreal's Interest Payments.

According to a statement prepared by Mr. John Campbell, city accountant of Montreal, the requirements of the city to meet semi-annual interest payments, due on first of May next, on the various loan issues of the city will amount to \$767,072, as follows:—

Payable to Bank of Montreal, London, Eng.....	£ 72,959
Payable to National Bank of Scotland, London, Eng.....	19,738
Payable to Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh.....	46
Equivalent in currency to	£ 92,743
Coupons payable in New York.....	\$451,352
Coupons payable in Montreal	66,495
Dividends payable in Montreal, on registered city stock	138,556
	92,412

Coupons of R.C. School Board	11,000
Delorimier Ward mortgage	7,255
Total	\$767,072

Included in the above is an item of \$50,312 for six months' coupon interest of the Town of St. Louis, now Laurier Ward.

Regina Will Not Guarantee Hotel Bonds.

The proprietor of the King's Hotel, Regina, has announced his intention to close that institution, the city having refused to guarantee hotel bonds. He stated to the council that he had proposed to extend the hotel representing an investment of \$100,000, and requested the city to guarantee the bonds, and take a first mortgage on the investment, beside reducing the electric light rate on the building 25 per cent., and cutting the water rate in half. The rates on these commodities in similar institutions in the United States and in the east were always smaller to large hotels. Under these conditions he stated that he could wipe out the present \$70,000 mortgage on the hotel and clear off the new indebtedness incurred by the enlargement in 20 years. The loss on the present institution, which was originally intended for a business block, had been \$40,000 even with the good business that existed during the time the hotel had been running. The city could not see their way to guarantee the bonds as it would create a precedent.

Railway Mortgage and Cold Bond Issues.

A special general meeting of the shareholders of the London and Lake Erie Railway and Transportation Company will be held in London, Ontario, on May 10th, when the directors will apply for authority to issue \$700,000 first mortgage bonds to be used in connection with the purchase of the railway already constructed and operated between London and Port Stanley.

The stockholders of the Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company will meet at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on May 14th to authorize an issue of first mortgage 5 per cent. 50-year gold bonds to the amount of \$30,000 par value of said bonds per mile for the full mileage that the railway is authorized to construct and operate. The bonds will be secured by a mortgage and deed of the company's property.

Industrial Bond Notes.

The bonds of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, and the Canada Cement Company have been called on the Montreal Stock Exchange. The former was 105 asked, and Cement was 100 asked, with no bid for either bond. Both are 6 per cent. bonds, the Car Bonds being due 1939, and the Cement 1929.

The directors of the Lake Superior Corporation have voted to issue securities to the amount of between \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 for extending its railroad to connect with the Canadian Pacific. A special stockholders meeting has been called for May 6th to ratify this action.

Large blocks of second and third mortgage bonds of Linton Apartment House, Montreal, are understood to have changed hands.

The Cobalt Central Mines Company are issuing \$400,000 of bonds, which will run for five years, at 6 per cent. interest. The bonds are to be offered to stockholders pro rata, at 80, it is said.

DEBENTURES AWARDED.

Regina Sask.—\$45,000, 4½ per cent. school debentures, to Messrs. Nay & James, Regina.

Weyburn, Sask.—\$41,000, 5 per cent. 30 and 40 year debentures, to Messrs. Brouse, Mitchell & Company, Toronto.

Waterloo, Ont.—\$15,646, 30 instalments, \$11,000, 20 instalments and \$6,527, 15 instalments, 4½ and 4¼ per cent. water works, gas works and local improvement debentures, to Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Company, Toronto.

Coderich Ont.—\$25,000, 4½ per cent. 30 instalment school debentures, to Messrs. Aemilius Jarvis & Company, Toronto.

Neelon and Carson United Townships, Ont.—\$5,000, 5 per cent. 15 instalment road debentures, to the Ontario Securities Corporation, Toronto.

Fort Erie Ont.—\$50,000, 5 per cent., 30 instalment water-works debentures to the Ontario Securities Corporation, Toronto.

Lethbridge, Alta.—\$180,500, 4½ per cent. 30-year and \$44,761.41, 6 per cent., 50-year debentures to the Bank of Toronto, at \$225,376.