

TORONTO BONDS FETCH HIGH PRICE

Five Per Cent. Serials Bring Bid of 99.637, Better Figure Than Province Gets

A block of \$3,669,000 5 per cent. serial bonds of Toronto were sold this week to A. H. Martens and Company, Toronto, and Hirsch, Lilienthal and Company, New York, on joint account, their price being 99.637. The following is a list of the bids received:—

	Tender for part of issue.	Tender for all of the \$3,669,000.
1. A. H. Martens & Co., Toronto, and Hirsch, Lilienthal & Co., New York		99.637
2. Emilius Jarvis & Co., Toronto, and Kissell, Kinnicutt & Co., New York		99.539
3. Dominion Securities Corp., Toronto, and Wm. A. Read & Co., New York		99.291
4. Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc., Montreal and Boston, Wood, Gundy & Co., Toronto, and A. E. Ames & Co., Toronto		99.21
5. C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago		99.18
6. Canada Bond Corp., Toronto, A. B. Leach & Co., New York, Fifty-Third National Bank, Cincinnati, Tilletson & Wolcott, Cleveland, Jno. B. Finn, Bond & Goodwin, New York, and Boston, Parkinson & Burr, Boston		99.15
7. C. Meredith & Co., Ltd., Montreal, and Coffin & Burr, Inc., Boston		99.131
Also for first 4 issues, \$3,292,000	99.03	
8. National City Bank, New York, N. W. Halsey & Co., New York, Kountze Bros., New York, Redmond & Co., New York, G. A. Stimson & Co., Toronto		99.08
9. C. H. Burgess & Co., Toronto		98.02
10. Graham, McDonald & Co., Toronto, For \$417,000 issue only	98.45	
11. Macneill & Young, Toronto, For \$377,000 issue only	99.52	
12. R. Moat & Co., Montreal, For \$377,000 issue only	99.40	
13. W. A. Mackenzie & Co., Toronto, For first 2 issues, \$1,437,000	99.11	
14. Bull & Eldredge, New York, For \$377,000 issue only	99.05	

List of the Bonds.

The 5 per cent. bonds sold were as follow:—

Amount.	Purpose.	Maturity.
(1) \$ 417,000	Hydro-electric	1 July, 1917—1948
(2) 584,000	Waterworks	1 Jan., 1917—1948
(3) 1,060,000	Public schools	1 July, 1917—1945
(4) 1,231,000	Hydro-electric	1 Jan., 1917—1944
(5) 377,000	Street railway pavement	1 July, 1917—1921

The average term for which the bonds run is very close to 17 years.

Fourteen proposals were received in which 28 different financial houses were interested. Tenders were received from Toronto, Montreal, New York, Chicago, Boston, Cleveland and Cincinnati.

One of the conditions set forth in the statement calling for tenders was: That the bonds must be paid for in New York funds which, at the present time are at a premium of 3-16 per cent. This additional advantage to the city increases the price received to, approximately, 99.824, which means that the cost of the loan to the city is, practically, 5.01 per cent.

The city, in calling for tenders, stipulated that, "tenders containing conditions varying from those contained in the city's printed memorandum, would not be entertained." One of the satisfactory features of the tenders received was that all of them complied with the conditions set forth by the city.

In May, 1914, the city of Toronto sold \$1,766,000 4½ per cent. 10-year and \$805,472 4½ per cent. 34-year bonds to Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Company, and A. E. Ames and Company, at 97.16 as well as \$1,000,000 4½ per cent. 10-years at 97 net, and \$500,000 4½ per cent. 10-years at 97.15 net to New York insurance companies.

In April, 1915, a block of \$4,533,696 4½ per cent. city of Toronto long-term bonds was sold to Messrs. A. E. Ames and Company, and Wood, Gundy and Company, Toronto, on joint account, their offer being 90.67.

The sale of the Toronto bonds this week is notable chiefly for the fact that it is the first large issue of serial bonds. Mr. T. Bradshaw, Toronto's commissioner of finance, has for some time advocated the serial plan of bond issue in preference to the sinking fund plan. This is the first public offering of Toronto bonds under his régime. The advantages of the serial plan were discussed in several issues of *The Monetary Times* last fall. The civic board of control congratulated the finance commissioner upon the result of the bond offering.

The tenders were opened in public, an innovation so far as the city of Toronto is concerned.

Ontario Sale of Interest.

Interest was aroused among the brokers when it was unofficially reported that Ontario province had this week marketed in New York \$4,000,000 5 per cent. 10-year bonds, netting the province 99. If correct, it is probably the first time that a bond offering of the city has met with a better response than that of the province. It was reported later that the province obtained par for its bonds, plus exchange. Considerable comment was heard as to the persistent policy of Hon. T. W. McGarry, provincial treasurer, in regard to his treatment of Canadian bond houses, when the province has bonds to sell.

Montreal city last week sold \$2,000,000 20-year 5 per cent. bonds at 98.67 approximately on a 5.10 per cent. basis.

MONEY MARKETS

Messrs. Glazebrook and Cronyn, exchange and bond brokers, Toronto, report exchange rates as follows:—

	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N.Y. funds	7-32 pm	¼ pm	¾ pm
Mont. funds	par	par	¾ to ¼
Sterling—			
Demand	\$4.76½	\$4.76¼	\$4.78½
Cable transfers	\$4.77¾	\$4.77½	\$4.79½
Sterling, demand, \$4.75 11-16. Bank of England rate, 5 per cent.			
New York bar silver, 68¾c. per ounce. London silver, 32¾d.			

SASKATCHEWAN SELLS DRAINAGE BONDS

The province of Saskatchewan sold on behalf of the undermentioned districts the following 5½ per cent. 30-year bonds at 99.01 per cent.: Invermay drainage district No. 2, \$25,400; Rama drainage district No. 3, \$42,800; Rouleau and Drinkwater drainage district No. 4, \$44,700 and these 5½ per cent. 20-year bonds at 98.75 per cent.: Yorkton drainage district No. 5, \$6,400; Rama extension drainage district No. 6, \$6,000; MacNutt drainage district No. 11, \$2,000. Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Company, Toronto, were the purchasers. The tenders for the bonds were:—

		20-year.	25-year.	30-year.
Wood, Gundy & Co.	5 %	93.56	92.97	92.51
	5½ %	98.75	98.90	99.01
	6 %	105.68	106.58	107.26
A. E. Ames & Co.	5½ %	98.07	98.07	98.07
	6 %	104.03	104.53	105.03
Nay & James	6 %	103.27	103.83	104.31
H. O'Hara & Co.	6 %	101.75	102.09	102.35
Macneill & Young	5 %	92.00	91.31	90.76
	5½ %	98.11	98.11	98.11
	6 %	103.00	104.00	104.00
W. A. Mackenzie & Co.	6 %	101.20
	5½ %	96.15
Emilius Jarvis	5 %	88.44	87.14	86.16

Mr. W. G. Falconer, well known in accident insurance circles in Canada, is now assistant secretary of the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, of Hartford. Mr. Falconer was previously associated with the General Accident, of Perth, Scotland, both in Canada and Australia. The Hartford Accident is not transacting business in Canada at present.