

MUNICIPALITIES AND THEIR FINANCING

Calgary to Place Notes—Prince Rupert's Mayor Investigates

Negotiations whereby the Bank of Montreal will place \$2,000,000 of Calgary treasury notes in the London market at 5 17-40 per cent. have practically been concluded and approved of at a special meeting of the council. The notes will be sold at 5 1/4 per cent. interest, plus 1/8 per cent. for commission and 1-20 per cent. for stamp tax, a total of 5 17-40 per cent.

Prince Rupert's mayor and city solicitor have been empowered to dispose of that city's debentures by the city council in the following comprehensive resolution:

Whereas, the city of Prince Rupert is authorized to issue debentures in the following by-laws for the following amounts: By-law No. 59, for \$550,000; by-law No. 97, for \$600,000; by-law No. 63, for \$115,000; by-law No. 11, for \$40,000; by-law No. 29, for \$66,000;

And whereas, by by-law No. 98, the city was authorized to convert all said debentures into stock under the Municipal Clauses Amendment Act, 1911, Section 11, to bear interest at 4 1/2 per cent. per annum, but no such stock has yet been sold nor have any of said debentures been sold;

And whereas, the said city is also authorized to issue debentures on the following by-laws for the following amounts: By-law No. 144, for \$90,200; by-law No. 146, for \$7,437.73; by-law No. 148, for \$29,800; by-law No. 156, for \$25,000; by-law No. 158, for \$140,000; by-law No. 180, for \$35,000; by-law No. 181, for \$350,000; by-law No. 182, for \$12,000; by-law No. 183, for \$46,000; bear interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

And whereas the city is also authorized under by-law No. 178 to borrow the sum of \$20,000 on debentures;

And whereas, by by-law No. 109 the city was authorized to issue treasury certificates to the extent of two hundred thousand pounds under the provisions of the Municipal Amendment Act, 1912, to be repaid out of the proceeds of the sale of stock to be sold under by-law No. 98 and the said certificates were sold and are now outstanding;

Have Fullest Authority.

And whereas, His Worship Mayor Pattullo is about to proceed to such points in Canada, the United States and Great Britain as he may deem advisable for the purpose of disposing of all the said debentures, and it is deemed advisable that he should have the fullest authority to make all necessary arrangements on behalf of the city;

Therefore, resolved that His Worship the Mayor shall have the following authority: 1—To sell and dispose of all or any part of the debentures authorized by the said by-laws at such price and on such terms as he shall see fit. 2—To dispose of inscribed stock with the like authority. 3—If a sale is made of the debentures or stock against which treasury certificates have been issued, then to purchase back with the proceeds of such sale such treasury certificates at such price as he can obtain them at, or, if such purchase cannot be made, to make proper arrangements for investing the proceeds of such sale so that the certificates will be duly retired when due. 4—Generally to do everything necessary to dispose of the securities of the city.

Canadian Municipal Market.

Moose Jaw city commissioners have made a recommendation to the council to the effect that, having received advice from Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Company, Toronto, of the purchase of \$50,000 public library bonds, under by-law 656, and a request that they be made payable in New York, this change be officially authorized by the council.

The North Vancouver Council has had an offer for \$500,000 worth of debentures. It was 92 3/4 for the half million in general debentures and a quarter of a million local improvement stamped bonds. The offer was considered a good one, and it was decided to sell \$350,000 of debentures.

"The present Canadian municipal market has undoubtedly been greatly benefited by the recent cleaning up of a large number of outstanding issues," say Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Company, Toronto, in their May bond list. "Up

to the close of last year the market was more or less crowded with offerings. Most of these have now, however, been disposed of.

"It is evident that the municipal bond market in Canada should continue to broaden. A number of large corporations, who were one time heavy municipal buyers, and who have in recent years turned their attention principally to mortgages, have swung back to the old attitude."

A communication was received by the North Vancouver District Council at its regular meeting from the School Board asking the council to hypothecate bonds to supply the board with funds in accordance with a loan previously arranged at interest at the rate of 8 per cent. for two months. The sum of \$20,000 was asked for, most of which was needed for school sites. The council, after some discussion, agreed to the request.

Sherbrooke city council have decided to increase the rate of interest on a bond issue of \$615,000 from four and one-half per cent. to five per cent., as a result of the stringency of the money market. The bonds are now deposited with the Canadian Bank of Commerce as security for the temporary loan pending the sale of the bonds.

The city has found it impossible to make a satisfactory sale of bonds, which are for the term of thirty years at 4 1/2 per cent. It is felt that the increase of one-half per cent. in the rate will result in the immediate and satisfactory sale.

New York's Bond Sale.

The advertisement of Mr. William A. Prendergast, New York's city comptroller, relative to the city's sale of bonds, reads as follows:—A safe investment for small investors and large investors, individuals, corporations, and a legal investment for trustees, exempt from all personal taxes. On May 20th, 1913, the comptroller will sell at his office in the city of New York, \$45,000,000 4 1/2 per cent. gold corporate stock of the city of New York, payable March 1st, 1963, issued in coupon or registered form, interchangeable at will after purchase; coupon interest payable at option of holder in New York or London. The Greater New York charter provides that bids may be made for as small an amount as \$10 and in multiples of \$10. Send bids in a sealed envelope, enclosed in another envelope addressed to the comptroller. A deposit of two per cent. of par value must accompany the bid. Such deposit must be in money or certified check upon a New York state bank or trust company, or any National bank.

DEBENTURES AWARDED

Moose Jaw, Sask.—\$150,000, to Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Company, Toronto.

Neepawa, Man.—\$160,000 6 per cent. 30 years, to Messrs. Spitzer, Rorick and Company, Toledo, Ohio.

Trenton, Ont.—\$15,000 5 per cent. 30 instalments, to Messrs. C. H. Burgess and Company, Toronto.

Of the 1,877 fires in Chicago from January 1 to April 15, according to The Argus, 229 were caused by the careless use of matches, 147 by overheated stoves, 110 by overheated furnaces, 103 by thawing water pipes, 96 by defective flues, 94 by sparks from chimneys, 93 by explosions of gasoline, 86 by spontaneous combustion.

That Saskatchewan needs more creameries, is the belief of the Regina Board of Trade. President H. G. Smith has studied the matter thoroughly, and recently asked what was the good of encouraging mixed farming if more creameries are not established. The outcome has been that the board of trade has petitioned the government to take steps without delay to provide more creameries.

In closing the estate of the late David Ward, of Pontiac, Michigan, there will be sold, at a great sacrifice, during next November, the only remaining large group of available redwood timber in California. This is an investment opportunity in valuable timber lands, and by addressing Mr. Charles Willis Ward, P.O. Lock Box 106, Eureka, Calif., or Mr. John H. Patterson, Pontiac, Michigan, full particulars, terms of sale, etc., can be secured.

STOCKS AND BONDS TABLE—NOTES

(u) Unlisted.

Canadian Consolidated Rubber Bond Denominations, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Steel Company of Canada, \$100, \$500, \$1,000. Sherwin Williams, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Penmans, Ltd., \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Canadian Cottons, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000.

‡ Quarterly.

All companies named in the tables will favor The Monetary Times by sending copies of all circulars issued to their shareholders, and by notifying us of any errors in the tables.

* Trethewey pays no regular dividend. They have paid:—1906, 4%; 1907, 4%; 1908, 15%; 1909, 25%; 1910, 10%; 1911, 20%; 1912, 10%.

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Figures in brackets indicate in footnotes date on which books close for dividends, etc.

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