

RECEPTION OF CANADA'S BOND

Offerings—Lessons to be Learned from Recent Issues Abroad.

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Money is still dear and prices somewhat uncertain, with the exception of rubber and oil. As a rule, Canadian securities have done well, recent flotations having met with fair success. The industrial branch has been well received, while those securities depending largely upon money market conditions have not been quite so well received. For instance, the recent issue of the Grand Trunk Pacific was anything but a brilliant success, fifty per cent. remaining in the hands of the underwriters. Again, what was claimed a few weeks ago to have been a most successful issue later proved otherwise. The recent Winnipeg loan issued at 103 is to-day down 1 per cent., offering at 102. The city of Winnipeg is not to blame but nevertheless its credit is likely to be affected when again it seeks fresh capital. It would perhaps have been wiser to have issued upon more liberal terms. A rise would have been shown, the loan gaining popularity. It must be unsatisfactory for the underwriters to still have in hand 83 per cent. of the issue with a fall of one per cent., which practically obliterates their profit.

Hints for Montreal.

In the near future, Montreal will come to London for a new loan, and the cry will be, "We must do as well as Winnipeg." At the time of that issue, the Bank rate was 3 per cent. It would be well if the city fathers, not only of Montreal, but of the various municipalities, will seriously consider the standpoint of the British investor, remembering that a displeasing investment on the part of the British public is not easily forgotten.

During the last ten days a number of important prospectuses have been published. The Dominion of Canada Trust Corporation seems to have been unfortunate in the selection of its name, since it transpires that it is practically identical with the Montreal Company, the president of which Mr. J. N. Greenshields has entered protest against the continuance of the name. While this dispute will not affect the subscribers for shares, still it is disturbing. Greater care should be taken in preliminaries.

The Western Canada Land Company's issue of £300,000 5 per cent. debenture stock was not successful. The option of converting the debentures into shares helped it, but in some quarters it is claimed that the capitalization was too high, and that it will be difficult to satisfactorily operate the coal fields to make an adequate return upon a million dollars. The result of the next year's work will be watched with interest.

Newfoundland Oil Did Well.

The British Columbia Development Association, Limited, offering £39,500 5 per cent. mortgage debenture stock at 105 was successful, the desired amount having been fully subscribed.

Subscriptions to the Newfoundland Oilfields, Limited, exceeded the amount offered. This is not surprising since almost anything in rubber or oil is regarded with favor. This seems to have been well placed, the prospectus being one that should evidently appeal to investors.

The Central Counties Railway Company came forward with an offer of £97,500 4 per cent. first mortgage bonds, £100 each at the issued price of £90. The amount was fully subscribed, a result doubtless largely due to the favor in which Grand Trunk is held at present. While the parent company is popular, and its shares in demand, similar conditions do not exist in Grand Trunk Pacific securities. When the Grand Trunk Pacific has been linked up, conditions may change. Everything is to be gained, and nothing to be lost, by prompt action of the Government in completing the work which they have undertaken, and it is to be hoped that full advantage will be taken of the coming summer.

Americans are in the city seeking capital for a dynamite and explosives factory for the Dominion. It is stated here that the Dominion Government is anxious to encourage the establishment of such an enterprise.

Lumber Company's Offering.

Last week was offered for public subscription £1,500,000 5 per cent. first mortgage debenture stock of the Canada Western Lumber Company, at 88. This company came before the public under favorable auspices. The issue is repayable in 35 years at par or sooner by means of a sinking fund, which will receive \$1.50 for every thousand feet (board measurement) of timber sold with a minimum of £125,000 in each period of three completed years. This sinking fund will

be applied in the purchase of debenture stock at or below 90, or in the redemption of the stock at par by drawings. The company reserves the right to redeem the whole or any part of this stock at par, at any time after April, 1915, on six months' notice. The stock will be secured by a trust deed in favor of the British Empire Trust Company, Limited, in the form of a first mortgage upon about 75,000 acres of freehold property with the growing timber thereon, also other timber licenses, saw mills, and various other improvements.—T. R. Sea.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS BORROWING MONEY.

The particulars given are in order, name, number of school district, amount required, and correspondent:—

Saskatchewan

Lilyvale, No. 2509, \$1,200. H. Scott, Verigin.
Camberley, No. 2395, \$2,000. G. Hare, Oliver.
Kinghorn, No. 2452, \$1,200. F. Day, Royholm.
Grandeau, No. 2460, \$1,200. J. E. Priebe, Morse.
Slager, No. 2503, \$1,500. J. N. Blacklun, Slager.
Avery, No. 2453, \$1,000. A. Clumas, jr., Glenbush.
Poplar Park, No. 2371, \$1,000. C. Treble, Watrous.
Buffs, No. 2489, \$1,500. W. I. C. McAvoy, Vonda.
Wilson Hill, No. 2511, \$1,400. F. W. Barrett, Eyebrow.
Mount Royal, No. 2508, \$1,200. W. R. Black, Gull Lake.
Ookshella, No. 2458, \$2,000. H. H. Towill, Oakshella.

Alberta

Bow, No. 2107, \$1,100. C. Lee, Eyremore.
Nilrem, No. 2081, \$800. W. Holmes, Amisk.
Busk, No. 2120, \$800. J. B. Erickson, Camrose.
Desjarlais, No. 1779, \$800. W. Howreliak, Shandro.
Canmore, No. 168, \$3,500. H. I. Richards, Canmore.
Hillsdown, No. 2049, \$1,200. T. Hughes, Hillsdown.
Richland, No. 1944, \$1,000. J. B. Caskey, Caskeyville.
Sherburne, No. 2050, \$1,800. R. Harden, Purple Springs.
John Knox, No. 463, \$600. H. D. Bentley, Wetaskiwin.
Rosemount, No. 2127, \$1,200. M. Simpson, Bow Island.
Cardiff, No. 2115, \$1,200. J. E. Chevigny, Morinville.
Milk River, No. 2056, \$2,000. O. Fitzmaurice, Milk River.
Cottonwood, No. 2074, \$1,000. G. Steele, Mountain House.

VILLAGES EMPOWERED TO BORROW MONEY

The following Saskatchewan villages have been empowered to borrow money:—

Buchanan.—\$3,000 for permanent improvements. E. Pinkerton, secretary-treasurer.
Bulyea.—\$3,000 for permanent improvements.
Eyebrow.—\$1,500 for permanent improvements.
Fairlight.—\$1,200 for permanent improvements.
Sedley.—\$10,000 for permanent improvements.

NOTES OF BIDDING

Four bids were made for the \$50,000 5 per cent. 30-year waterworks debentures of Fort Erie, Ont., awarded to Ontario Securities Company, Toronto.

Thirteen bids were made for the \$10,000 5½ per cent. 30-year debentures of Sperling S.D., Man. Messrs. Nay & James, Regina, were awarded this issue, as previously noted.

For the Regina, Sask., \$45,000 4½ per cent. school debentures, eight bids were received, five from Toronto, two from Regina and one from Winnipeg. As previously noted, the offer of Messrs. Nay & James, of Regina, was accepted.

For the Lethbridge, Alta., \$108,500 4½ per cent. 30-year local improvement, and the \$44,761.41 6 per cent. 50-year sidewalk and sewer debentures, eleven offers were received for the whole issue, two for the 6 per cents. and one for the 4½ per cents. As previously noted, the award was made to the Bank of Toronto. The Great West Life Assurance Company was one of the bidders.

ROYAL SECURITIES CONTROL PURCHASED

It is stated in Montreal that Messrs. Lazard Bros. & Co., the London house of the Lazard firm of France, has purchased control of the Royal Securities Corporation of Montreal, of which Mr. W. M. Aitken is president. Mr. Aitken is now in London and no doubt his trip was connected with the deal. Messrs. Lazard Bros. & Co. have had an interest in the concern for some time and the increase of their interest will no doubt have much significance for Canada, as the Royal Securities Corporation will thus be put in close touch with investors both in London and Paris.