

MUNICIPAL BOND MARKET

The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Municipal Activities and Financing

Municipal officers handling civic finances will be interested in the recommendations of Messrs. Kinnaird and Henderson, auditors of the city of Edmonton's annual returns. They say in their report:—

"The alarming drain upon the city of Edmonton's resources by the ever-increasing amount of annual interest payments upon borrowed money has been pointed out. It follows also as a necessary consequence that the security for repayment of borrowings is being depreciated. The conditions of municipal administration render it entirely unavoidable to finance otherwise than by borrowed money, but the efficient management of municipal finance demands that all borrowings should be carefully controlled, and, if possible, kept within the limits of actually available resources. In other words, the levying of taxes to the full amount of ascertained requirements must necessarily prove insufficient if taxes are not collected or collectable in full, and an accumulative increase of debt must result, which ought to be subject to control. It appears to us that the time has arrived when it is absolutely necessary that some measures should be adopted to establish a closer relationship than at present exists between the actual realized revenue and the nominal revenue. We would recommend that immediate and careful consideration be given to this matter."

In the body of the report, commenting on the control of Edmonton's expenditures, they remark, "that the result of the general revenue and expenditure account for the year is a surplus of \$44,094, apparently brought about by careful criticism and control of all expenditures."

Hamilton, Ont.—The board of control recommends that an issue of \$100 bonds bearing 5 per cent. interest be sold locally at par.

Teulon S.D., Sask.—Mr. J. A. Thompson, Winnipeg, has purchased the \$16,000 issue of 6 per cent. 20-year bonds of the Teulon S.D.

Halifax, N.S.—The city treasurer has been authorized to arrange a loan of \$251,000 from the Royal Bank.

East Kildonan S.D., No. 14, Man.—A by-law to borrow \$15,000 is to be voted upon May 30th. H. Thompson, secretary-treasurer.

Bruce County, Ont.—Tenders close on June 8th for \$100,000 5½ per cent. 20-year bonds. N. Robertson, county clerk, Walkerton. (Official announcement appears on another page.)

Simcoe, Ont.—Tenders close on May 30th for \$39,447 5½ per cent. 20-year bonds and \$4,840 5½ per cent. 20-year bonds. F. Reid, town treasurer. (Official announcement appears on another page.)

Mitchell, Ont.—The by-law to issue \$10,000 bonds for good roads has been carried. The taxpayers also voted in favor of a by-law to guarantee a site and grant a fixed assessment of \$3,000 to A. Burrit and Company for a new knitting factory.

Weiland, Ont.—None of the nine offers made for the \$40,000 5½ per cent. 20-year bonds were accepted. The bids were:—

R. C. Matthews and Company	96.65
W. A. Mackenzie and Company	96.03
Canada Bond Corporation	95.80
C. H. Burgess and Company	95.07
A. E. Ames and Company	94.78
Imperial Bank	94.28
Brent, Noxon and Company	94.00
A. H. Martens and Company	93.00
Dominion Securities	92.63

A bid for \$3,000 of the bonds at par was accepted, and the council authorized the treasurer to offer the bonds at par to local investors.

Saskatchewan.—The following is a list of bond applications granted by the local government board:—

School Districts.—*Manchester, \$1,200, 10-years, not ex. 8 per cent. instalment. John Fletcher, Farmingdale; Limerick, \$8,000, 20-years, not ex. 7 per cent. annuity. J. Lindsay, Limerick; *Dovedale, \$1,200, 10-years, not ex. 8 per cent. annuity. J. Riglin, Yarbo.

*Being sold through the local government board.

Village.—Aylesbury, \$2,000, 15-years, not ex. 8 per cent. instalment. N. H. Paterson, Aylesbury.

Saskatchewan.—The following is a list of bonds reported sold:—

School Districts.—Wild Flower, \$1,600. Canada Landed and National Investment Company, Winnipeg; Narrow Lake, \$1,400. Canada Landed and National Investment Company, Winnipeg; Marshall, \$1,000. Canada Landed and National Investment Company, Winnipeg; Langholm, \$1,700. H. O'Hara and Company, Toronto; Eston, \$4,000. H. O'Hara and Company, Toronto; Hessledale, \$1,600. H. O'Hara and Company, Toronto. Haig, \$1,400. H. O'Hara and Company, Toronto; Barra, \$1,600. W. L. McKinnon and Company, Toronto.

Rural Telephone Companies.—Bethune South West, \$3,300. Nay and James, Regina; East Milden, \$14,000. Kerr, Fleming and Company, Toronto; Twin Valley, \$17,000. Kerr, Fleming and Company, Toronto; Grain Belt, \$4,000. O. L. McQuay, Regina; Sunnyside, \$12,500. J. A. Thompson, Winnipeg.

Village.—Foam Lake, \$2,500. Great-West Life Assurance Company.

RAILWAY BOND ISSUE FOR SALE

Tenders for \$547,400 5 per cent. 20-year gold bonds of the Lacombe and Blindman Valley Electric Railway Company's bonds will be received by the Merchants Bank of Canada, Toronto, up to June 14th. This issue of bonds is guaranteed as to principal and interest by the province of Alberta. The official announcement appears elsewhere in this issue.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

The net profits of the Imperial Bank of Canada for its fiscal year ended April 30th were \$1,122,818 compared with \$1,003,960 a year ago. The balance of the profit and loss account carried forward was \$1,164,876 compared with \$1,089,656 a year ago. These results were obtained after the payment of substantial war taxes and special patriotic contributions amounting in all to nearly \$100,000, and also after serving the public interests in a manner which has materially helped to build up the excellent reputation which the Imperial Bank has had for 42 years. The shareholders received dividends at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, accounting for \$840,000 of the profits. A contingent appropriation of \$100,000 was made to cover depreciation in bonds and debentures, a wise provision. Nothing was credited to the reserve fund last year but that account already totals \$7,000,000, an amount equal to the paid-up capital.

At the end of the fiscal year, the Imperial Bank carried deposits of the public exceeding \$66,000,000, a notable tribute to the confidence generally reposed in this institution. The bank has total liabilities to the public of \$75,400,000. The heaviest asset is the sum of \$41,192,000 representing current loans and discounts in Canada. Loans to provincial governments, municipalities, and call and short loans in Canada on bonds, debentures and stocks, total \$8,439,000. Dominion and provincial government securities, Canadian municipal securities, British, foreign and colonial public securities, railway and other bonds, debentures and stocks, make up a substantial item in the assets, namely, \$14,866,000. Current coin held by the bank and Dominion government notes aggregate \$11,507,000.

The statement presented to the shareholders on Wednesday proved very gratifying to them. The Imperial Bank, which was established in 1875, with head office in Toronto, has had a long and successful career. Its forty-second annual financial statement reflects an exceptionally strong position. The bank's affairs are being carried on under an active and influential directorate, composed of Peleg Howland, president; Elias Rogers, vice-president; Wm. Ramsay of Bowland, Stow, Scotland; Cawthra Mulock; Hon. Richard Turner, Quebec; Wm. Hamilton Merritt, M.D., St. Catharines; W. J. Gage; Sir James Aikins, K.C. Winnipeg; Hon. W. J. Hanna, M.P.P., John Northway, J. F. Michie, and J. W. Woods. Not a little of the bank's success is due to the general management of Mr. E. Hay with the assistance of Mr. W. Moffat and Mr. G. D. Boulton, chief inspector. The Imperial Bank is well represented in the western provinces, (where Mr. A. Phipps is western superintendent), as well as in Ontario and Quebec. Mr. W. D. More is secretary of the bank.