

INDUSTRIAL BONDS AND STOCKS

MONTREAL'S LOAN

Scotia's Offering of One and Half Millions—New Cotton Company

An offering of \$1,500,000 six per cent. perpetual debenture stock of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company is being made by the Bankers' Bond Company, Toronto, the offering being at 98 and interest. The prospectus shows that after making provision for the bonds issued, there remain assets to the value of \$14,000,000, equal to nearly 5 times the debenture stock issued. The debenture stock is a senior security to \$1,030,000 preferred stock (which receives 8 per cent. dividends) and \$6,000,000 common stock (which receives 6 per cent. dividends).

Mr. Robert E. Harris, president of the company, states that the company has orders for the whole of its output of iron and steel for the first half of the present year. He estimates that the output of the collieries for 1913 will be somewhat in excess of that in 1912.

The proceeds of the debenture stock now issued, will be used to repay a part of the expenditure on capital for the past year, and the balance will be applied in equipping a new colliery, a new open hearth plant, and other improvements and additions to plant and equipment to provide for still larger outputs, thereby adding to the earning power of the company.

Stocks and Bonds.

An offering of \$150,000 of 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock, part of an issue of \$300,000, of the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Goods Company, Limited, is being made by Messrs. McCuaig Brothers and Company, Montreal, and A. E. Osler and Company, Toronto. The company has been in successful operation for a great many years past, and has paid the dividend on its preferred stock without interruption for the past fourteen years. The prospectus shows that the net assets, exclusive of goodwill, after deducting the \$566,400 of outstanding bonds, equal to \$200 per share on the preferred stock.

An issue of \$350,000 6 per cent. Canadian-Connecticut Cotton Mills first mortgage 20-year bonds is shortly to be marketed by Messrs. McCuaig Brothers and Company, Montreal. This is a newly-organized cotton manufacturing company, locating at Sherbrooke, Que. The capitalization is \$600,000 common stock and \$150,000 7 per cent. preferred, in addition to this issue of bonds.

Grand Trunk in London.

The underwriters of the recent issue of £2,000,000 four per cent. debenture stock of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway have been left with 50 per cent. of the issue. The scrip was afterward quoted at 1 discount.

The purposes of the visit of Mr. J. H. Plummer, president of the Dominion Iron Company, abroad, is stated to be to raise a loan of \$3,000,000.

The following issues have been listed on the London Stock Exchange: British Columbia Electric, £750,000; Canada Southern Railway, \$22,500,000 fives; Edmonton and Dunvegan Railway, £738,356, fours.

NEGOTIATING WITH HOME LIFE ASSOCIATION

The Home Life Association, Toronto, has been the centre of interest during this week owing to various indefinite rumors which have appeared in the press. It having been stated that a meeting was to have been held on Wednesday, negotiations were to have been completed for its absorption by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Montreal. The presence of Mr. T. B. Macaulay in Toronto was thought to be for the purpose of attending the meeting, but he was in reality on his way to Detroit with Mr. J. A. Tory.

The officials of both companies are reticent on the matter. Negotiations between the companies have been proceeding for some time and it will probably be found when they are completed that the Sun Life has arranged to re-insure the life assurance business of the Home Life, the Sun Life taking over a portion of the Home Life's assets in consideration of the same.

Alderman Lapointe Would Reserve Portion for Local Investors—Money is Needed for Public Works

Montreal's civic loan for \$11,904,000 authorized by the city council will contain a provision by which a certain amount of it will be offered to the Montreal public, according to a statement made by Alderman L. A. Lapointe, leader of the council.

The recommendation of the board of control stated that the increase of property values entitled the city to raise the foregoing sum this year, and they suggested that a by-law be adopted as a preliminary to the loan. The first reading of the by-law was agreed to, and when the second reading comes up, Alderman L. A. Lapointe announced that he proposed to ask the council to agree to the plan of offering a part of the loan to the public.

Montreal People Would Buy.

"My opinion," he said, "is that many people in Montreal would like to buy the city's bonds if the denominations were small enough, let us say from \$50 up. Suppose we decide to offer from \$300,000 to \$500,000 of the new loan in that way, I am sure we should get par. These bonds would be made payable to bearer and redeemable say in one year. If the holder wanted to sell his investment before that time he could do so, and those who wanted their money back could get it at the City Hall, with the interest we decide to pay."

As the last civic loan brought the city but 86 at 4 per cent., though the net return was ten points higher, the city for the first time paying 4½ per cent. interest, Alderman Lapointe remarked that the Montreal public will probably offer better prices than last secured for a moderately small sum anyway.

When asked whether amounts borrowed by the city for a year would be satisfactory, Alderman Lapointe replied that, seeing the city re-issued loans, the same course might be followed with the short-term loan. At any event, the city could make provision to redeem the bonds at the end of a year.

Negotiate With Bank of Montreal.

When the municipal by-law has been adopted in a week or two, then the board of control will have been empowered to negotiate with the Bank of Montreal, the city's financial agent, for the placing of the loan on the London market. If the council accepts the suggestion of Alderman Lapointe, about a half a million dollars of the loan will be offered to the Montreal public in general. The city would pay 4 or even 4½ per cent. interest.

The money is required by the administrators of the city for the construction and continuation of public works of various descriptions, including street improvements and improvements to the city water works.

DEBENTURES AWARDED

- Watrous, Sask.—\$83,000.
 Thorold, Ont.—\$9,527 5 per cent. 10 years.
 Harris R.M., Sask.—\$10,000 6 per cent. 20 years, to Messrs. Nay & James, Regina.
 Moose Jaw, Sask.—\$200,000 5 per cent., to Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Company, Toronto.
 Maisonneuve, Que.—\$125,000 5½ per cent. 50 years, to Messrs. J. A. Mackay and Company, Montreal.
 Calgary, Alta.—\$263,500 general debentures, \$250,000 20-year local improvement debentures, to Messrs. Brent Noxon and Company, Toronto.

A despatch purporting to have been sent by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy from London and stating that the Canadian Pacific Railway contemplated spending \$100,000,000, exclusive of rolling stock, in the near future, has appeared. It is characterized as a fake by Mr. L. G. Ogden, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Company, who states on authority that no such cablegram was sent by Sir Thomas.

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%.
 Montreal prices (close Thursday) furnished by Burnett & Co., 12 St. Sacrament Street, Montreal
 Figures in brackets indicate in footnotes date on which books close for dividends, etc.
 (1) May 1-10 (2) May 10-20 (3) May 16-24 (4) May 17-31 (5) May 17-31 (7) May 24-31