

LONDON MARKET IS QUIET

So Far as Canada is Concerned—Few Issues are Being Made

The London market, so far as Canada is concerned, is resting. Very few of our public issues were made during May. The reception accorded many loans was sufficiently poor to cool the enthusiasm of would-be borrowers. The only issues by Canada this month were as follows:—

Phoenix Bridge and Iron Works.....	£ 318,483
Amalgamated Land and Mortgage Company, of	
Winnipeg	102,917
City of Montreal	1,440,329
Canadian Car and Foundry Company	185,185
City of Victoria	482,870

The Columbia-Western Lumber Yards are about to issue in London \$2,500,000 six and a half per cent. preference shares, guaranteed by the Canadian-Western Lumber Company.

Some Forthcoming Loans.

South Winnipeg Land Company, owners of Tuxedo Park; Canada Glass Company; a merger of the Alaska and other bedding Companies; Stanley Mineral Water and Maltin Company, are negotiating loans in London, states Windermere, in a cable to the Montreal Star. The aggregate sum involved is \$4,000,000, in seven per cent. preference shares and six per cent. bonds. The tendency is to harden the rates for industrial securities of this class.

A number of cities, not liking the appearance of the money markets, are financing their requirements by short term notes. It is difficult to trace these issues, many of them being kept private, but they are numerous. Calgary is issuing \$2,000,000 short term bills.

Money is decidedly tight and Canadian borrowers in London may have to pay yet higher prices. If conditions should change favorably, there would be a long procession of municipal borrowers, especially.

Sounded a Warning.

At the bankers' annual dinner, last week, a warning note was sounded by Lord Faber and Sir Felix Schuster. Lord Faber said, in reference to the high terms now being paid by industrial borrowers: "You know that there are certain charges which no trade will stand. Let such charges get high enough in raw material and high enough in money, and you are going to have a debacle at some time."

The following issues have been listed: Province of Alberta, £1,000,000, fours; Calgary Power, 18,500 shares, \$100 each; Canadian General Electric Company, \$1,900,000, common; Grand Trunk Pacific, £2,000,000, fours; Port Arthur, £415,700, fives; Prince Albert, £102,700, four and a halves; Riordan Pulp and Paper Company, 10,000 shares, \$100 each, sevens, and \$1,500,000 sixes; Province of Saskatchewan, £1,000,000, fours.

RAILROAD EARNINGS

The following are the railroad earnings for the week ended May 21st:—

	1913.	1912.	Increase or decrease.
Canadian Pacific	\$2,663,000	\$2,551,000	+ \$112,000
Grand Trunk	1,069,065	928,883	+ 140,282
Canadian Northern	507,400	453,200	+ 54,200
Temiskaming & N. Ont..	37,507	31,823	+ 5,684

The net earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for April for the first time in many months show a falling off from those of the same month last year. Gross earnings were \$11,750,913; working expenses, \$7,805,836; net profits, \$3,945,077. In April, 1912, net profits were \$4,115,752. Accordingly the loss in net profits for April is \$170,675. For ten months ended April 30th figures are as follows:—Gross earnings, \$115,816,291; working expenses, \$76,702,201; net profits, \$39,114,090. For ten months ended April 30th, 1912, net profits were \$35,771,125. The increase for ten months over the previous year in net profits is \$3,342,965.

The following is a statement of earnings and operating expenses for the Canadian Northern Railway during April:—

	1913.	1912.	Increase.	1st, 1912, to May 30th, 1913.
Gross earnings ..	\$1,745,300	\$1,608,100	\$137,200	\$18,583,200
Expenses	1,242,200	1,205,000	37,200	13,656,900
Net earnings ..	503,100	403,100	100,000	4,926,300
Mileage in operation	4,297	3,981	316	4,297

Montreal, Que.—Farmers' Trust Company, \$50,000. A. Laverne, C. Smith, E. Taschereau, Quebec City. St. Catherine Road Land Company, \$150,000. G. I. McFaul, Brownsburg; B. R. Poulin, L'Orignal; J. M. Dorion, Lachute. Dominion Undertakers, \$25,000. P. St. Germain, L. Guerin, B. P. Raymond, Montreal Daily Mail Publishing Company, \$500,000. C. Gaudet, E. W. Parker, S. C. Marson. Boileau Realty Company, \$45,000. E. Boileau, E. Benard, B. V. Gomery. Lockwood, Greene & Company of Canada, \$20,000. A. E. Woodworth, A. B. Wright, St. Lambert; A. Charters, Montreal. Sherwood Estates, \$50,000. A. H. Duff, W. A. Merrill, H. E. Walker. Financial Underwriters, \$50,000. H. S. Ross, O. F. Shearer, F. Salmon. K. & R. Realities, \$100,000. W. W. Skinner, W. G. Pugsley, G. G. Hyde. Davison-Valois, \$25,000, (boots, etc.). W. J. Davison, J. M. A. Valois, W. M. Leonard. Metcalfe Realty Company, \$100,000. J. Desmarais, R. DeSerres, J. Laurent. Tobin & Simmons, \$50,000, (marble importers). G. L. Alexander, L. J. M. Dugas, C. J. E. Charbonneau. Dominion Mechanic Works, \$20,000. Z. Monte, E. Charette, E. H. Godin. Maritime Land Company, Limited, of Montreal, \$49,000. R. Bedard, A. D. Gall, R. Prefontaine. La Societe du Boulevard Pie IX., \$199,000. J. A. Champoux, W. Dampousse, G. Des Trois Maisons. National Club of Montreal, \$5,000. W. T. Rodden, H. R. Wood, C. W. Reid. Z. Berthiaume & Company, \$20,000, (contractors). Z. Berthiaume, J. La-perriere, C. Berthiaume.

BOOKS RECEIVED

The Great Gold Rush—A Tale of the Klondike. By W. H. P. Jarvis. The Macmillan Company of Canada, Limited, \$1.25. An interesting book for those who like well colored mining stories.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA LAND COMPANY

The annual meeting of the Southern Alberta Land Company, Limited, was held in London the other day. Major-General Sir Ronald B. Lane, presiding, stated that comparing the company's balance sheet with last year's, it was seen that the issued capital stood at £700,000, the balance of options having been exercised. "Our five per cent. debenture stock is also increased to £690,000," he continued. "Share premium account stands at £100,000, after writing off £19,541 9s. 3d. for depreciation on investments and transferring £19,852 10s. 9d. to the credit of profit and loss account. We also have a reserve of £25,000, which was referred to last year. Bills payable and sundry creditors amount to £65,400 odd. We have a liability of about £51,400, representing the balance payable on additional land purchased, and a liability to Canadian Wheat Lands, Limited, under our guarantee for last year's dividend, amounting to £20,000.

"On the credit side our property of, say, 369,240 acres stands at £443,867. Options have been given, as mentioned in our report, to Canadian Wheat Lands, Limited, on 56,000 acres at \$27.50 per acre, and to other parties on 25,000 acres at \$40 per acre for irrigable, and \$27.50 per acre for non-irrigable lands. Expenditure upon irrigation, surveys, and works during the year amounts to £246,115, and the total under this head is now £836,818. Mr. Taylor's report, which was referred to at our last meeting, called for an expenditure of \$1,392,000, say, £278,400, excluding laterals, and of this total we are informed by Mr. Hays that about £65,000 to £70,000 was spent during November and December last year, and therefore figures in the present accounts. I may mention that during the year nothing has been written off on account of the accident at the intake, and it is practically impossible to state exactly what the figure should be, as advantage is being taken of the opportunity to make various improvements at the head works and in the system generally, as recommended by Mr. Taylor.

"Sundry debtors, etc., amount to £127,000, and is made up largely of the balance of purchase price due to us from Canadian Wheat Lands, Limited, Investments, £83,346, and cash at bank and in hand, £261,224. I think complete the balance-sheet. In the profit and loss account we have the usual expenses of administration, directors and trustees' fees, advertising, legal expenses, etc., and the provision of £17,500 for dividend to Canadian Wheat Lands, Limited. You will see in the balance-sheet that our liability to that company is £20,000, but the difference of £2,500 is repayable to us out of their future profits. On the credit side land sales have been small, amounting to 2,880 acres. Early last spring, as you know, we decided not to make sales, and after the accident to the intake our policy was to remedy the defects we then found, to complete the irrigation system as soon as possible, and to delay any sales of land until we have practically completed our irrigation works. We are satisfied that such action will far more than pay any loss of interest, and will be productive of much better results for our shareholders in the future.