

CANADA GOT \$95,000,000 IN PAST TWO MONTHS

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QUESTIONS RAISED BY DOMINION'S BORROWING.

(Central News cable to *The Monetary Times*).

London, December 10.—Canada has ranked so importantly in the new borrowing movement that it is beginning to be asked, what will be the position of the many other colonial and foreign interests with requirements to be satisfied, if the output of Canadian emissions be maintained at anything like its present rate? Nevertheless since it is reported that part of the proceeds of the Dominion's new loan will be utilized for the purpose of financing the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, it is to that extent regarded with satisfaction, because the money market would rather have a Canadian government emission than a Grand Trunk Pacific stock issue to digest. In this connection, however, it has been freely pointed out that the action of the government in borrowing for railway purposes clearly indicates its appreciation, both of the European monetary position and of the situation created by recent over-financing in the Dominion—which is regarded as satisfactory in one sense, even if it gives rise to some discouraging reflections in another. The first news of the loan was followed by quite a sensational break in existing Canadian four per cents, which abruptly gave way 2 to 3 points, and took other Dominion securities and various new scrip quotations with them. The quotations have now steadied somewhat, but they have not recovered, and British gilt-edged securities have also been adversely affected, so much so that consols have only been lifted slightly from a new low level record by support extended on the part of the government broker.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTRIC'S FINANCING.

*London, December 12.—The British Columbia Electric Company's report is regarded as disappointing, especially in view of the absorption of the increase of £207,174 in gross earnings by the higher prices of materials and labor troubles. Nobody supposes the shareholders at the approaching meeting will refuse sanction to an increase of the capital to £5,000,000 sterling, by creating 400,000 additional pound shares, but *The Times*, in a lengthy special article, suggests that the company should set its face against new enterprises until conditions improve.

The *Times* further discusses the consequence if the corporation of Vancouver purchases the railway in 1910. It says that the company suffers relatively very little because it retains its various lines and entry into the city, also its outlying lines and lighting franchises.

This, however, *The Times* thinks, is not the time for further capital commitments.

TRUSTEE AND CANADA'S LOAN.

†London, December 15.—Though little credence will have been given to the widely circulated report of a news agency alleging that the British Public Trustee in his capacity as government official had gone out of his way to advise a number of would-be investors to withdraw the application which they had made for stock recently issued for the Dominion of Canada loan, he considers that the public here and in Canada are entitled to an explanation.

"In one case," he says, "where the co-trustee proposed to apply for an allotment he was advised by telegram that the Public Trustee would agree to an investment of £1,000 nominal in the new issue. Confirmation of this telegram followed by letter the same day.

"The co-trustee, having understood the telegram to be an authorization to apply for an allotment, did so. It therefore became necessary to advise him that the application should be withdrawn. This is the only incident in which the Public Trustee has been concerned in connection with the new issue."

While thus denying the statement that he was issuing broadcast advice not to subscribe for the Canadian loan, the Public Trustee states that he did himself buy several lots of the new issue at a discount before the allotment.

**Montreal Star* cable.

†*Canadian Associated Press* cable.

CALGARY POWER ISSUE IN LONDON.

†London, December 15.—The Calgary Power Company to-day offers £156,400 5 per cent. mortgage bonds at 90.

ENGLISH CUTLERY FIRM IN CANADA.

†London, December 15.—In a prospectus published to-day inviting subscriptions of £150,000 further preference capital, Messrs. Mappin and Webb, the well-known Sheffield cutlery firm, state that important interests have been acquired in Canada in which direction they consider there is scope for further development.

BORROWING TOO FREELY.

*London, December 15.—Commenting on the poor public response to the million-dollar city of Prince Albert issue, 66 per cent. of which has been left with the underwriters, the *Daily Mail* says the explanation is to be found largely in the criticism directed against the loan, it being contended that Prince Albert is borrowing too freely in proportion to its size and importance.

CENTRAL RAILWAY RETIRING BONDS

†London, December 16.—The Central Railway Company of Canada to-day resolved to retire existing bonds replacing them by a new issue covering the whole main line between Montreal and Midland.

Mr. C. N. Armstrong, vice-president of the company, told the bondholders, that the railway was now negotiating with an important shipping company which proposes to put nine steamers on the Great Lakes and from Montreal to British ports.

He stated that negotiations were also proceeding with an important new railway from Montreal to the north.

Canadian bondholders, Mr. Armstrong added, had never attempted to sell their holdings. They had every confidence in the future of the company.

LONDON PAPER ON CANADIAN CREDIT

†London, December 16.—Discussing "Canada's Depreciated Credit," the *Daily Mail* to-day refers to the relative prices which now obtain for Canadian securities and other colonial stocks in London. These, says the writer, furnish an unmistakable object lesson as to the serious effect of heavy borrowing on Canada's credit.

Canadians until quite recently, the writer goes on to say, stood easily highest among the colonial securities and not many months ago the Dominion of Canada 3½ per cents. (there were no 4 per cent. borrowing then), stood some half a dozen points higher than corresponding Western Australian stock, whereas, now the Western Australian 4 per cents. recently issued at 97, stand at 2 premium, while Canadian 4 per cents. issued at the same price stand at ½ discount.

MORE DUCAL DUCATS FOR CANADA

*London, December 17.—The *Times* comes very near the mark when it hints that the Duke of Bedford may follow the example of the Duke of Sutherland and invest in Canada part of several millions sterling coming from the sale of the nineteen acres of London's most valuable sites in and around Covent Garden.

The Duke sold, between 1900 and 1911, 20,000 acres of fenland in Cambridgeshire, realizing nearly five million dollars; also the Devonshire town of Tavistock, with its water supply, markets, Town Hall and other public services and 8,500 acres, realizing \$2,830,000.

It is understood that a considerable portion of this money has gone quietly into Canadian Pacific and other high-class Canadian securities and mortgages, the Duke thereby getting from 5 to 7 instead of from 2 to 3 per cent. on his capital.