

# MANY NEW YEAR ISSUES EXPECTED—LONDON CABLES

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## NEW ISSUES WERE CHECKED

### Canadian Pacifics in London Market—Trouble Over Cobalt Shares

(Central News cable to The Monetary Times).

London, December 12.—Stock market operations this week have been of a restricted character, but signs of a healthy undertone are not lacking. One of the most reassuring happenings of the week was the flat rejection of the labor firebrand Larkins by the trades union leaders of the Kingdom. This action removed what threatened to become a serious industrial menace and the whole labor field is now in a much more restful attitude.

Canadian Pacifics have remained unsettled since the fall caused by disappointment over the loan financial plan announced early in the week. It is suggested by bulls that this plan is only the forerunner of a bigger development to be announced later. Otherwise they say, the fall would have been more severe. The company's new notes' rights are quoted at 4½.

#### Cobalt Shares Cause Brokers' Suspension.

Something of a sensation was caused on the stock exchange yesterday by the suspension of three stock brokers for long terms for irregularities in connection with the introduction of certain Cobalt silver shares.

Money is in fairly ample supply, and discounts are easier owing to expectations that Paris will commence Balkan financing shortly without waiting for the floating of the French loan next May.

The failure of the Canadian Government loan this week has appreciably checked the local flood of new issues

#### No Change in Bank Rate.

The anticipated reduction to five per cent. was not made to-day by the Imperial Bank of Germany in its minimum rate of discount, but it is announced that the directors of the bank will meet to-morrow to take action on the matter.

No change was made by the Bank of England in its 5 per cent. minimum rate of discount to-day. The bank's weekly statement to-day shows an increase of £206,000 in the total reserve.

## PRINCE ALBERT IS HOPING.

†London, December 11.—Considering that the interest works out at nearly 5½ per cent., Prince Albert ought to have no difficulty in securing the £200,000 asked for to-day. The issue is in hundred pound bonds at 90, redeemable at various periods, spread over 20 years following 1923.

## BORROWINGS IN LONDON.

†London, December 11.—Application has been made for a settling day for Toronto's new 4½ per cent. loan.

The Daily Telegraph, in an article on Canadian borrowings, shows that money advanced to Canada this year, apart from semi-private operations, makes the following totals:—

Dominion—Seven million pounds sterling.  
Provinces—Nearly three million pounds.  
Municipalities—Fifteen and a half million pounds.  
Railways—Twenty-six million pounds.  
Miscellaneous—Ten million pounds.

This is a total of sixty-two million pounds. Pointing out how the price against Canada for money has steadily risen in the last two years, the Telegraph remarks that Canada must judge whether development is not proving too costly.

[The above total, £62,000,000, is larger than is shown in the records of The Monetary Times, a fact probably accounted for by the inclusion of Canadian Pacific Railway stock payments and short term borrowings.—Ed. The Monetary Times.]

## CANADIAN BONDS ABROAD

†London, December 8.—Changes in Canadian funds occurred during the past week as follows:—

Provinces of Alberta sterling, 1938, 5 per cent., 91 to 93, ex-dividend.

Alberta ten-year debentures, 93 to 95.

Dominion of Canada, 1909-34, 3½ per cent., 89 to 91.

Province of British Columbia, 1941, 3 per cent., 75 to 77.

Dominion of Canada registered, 1938, 3 per cent., 81 to 83, ex-dividend.

Dominion of Canada registered stock, 90 to 93.

St. John, N.B., 1946, 4 per cent., 88 to 90, ex-dividend.

Province of Nova Scotia, 1949, 3 per cent., 96 to 98, ex-dividend.

Province of Nova Scotia, 1934, 3½ per cent., 80 to 82.

Province of Ontario registered, 1946, 3½ per cent., 85 to 87, ex-dividend.

Edmonton, 1917-29-49, 4½ per cent., 89 to 91, ex-dividend.

Regina City, 1923-38, 5 per cent., 96 to 98.

Toronto, 1919-20, 5 per cent., 101 to 103.

## LONDON AND CANADIAN PACIFIC LAND SCHEME

†London, December 9.—Pending some further explanation by the directors, it is difficult to appreciate the advantages of the Canadian Pacific Railway land scheme. Disappointment is shown at the terms of the offer made to holders of Canadian Pacific Railway shares, it having been hoped in many quarters, says The Times, that something of the nature of a generous "melon" derived from the "segregation" of land and other properties might be looked for. "Rights" were quoted yesterday at from 4¾ to 4½ per existing share.

There is nothing here to arouse enthusiasm. Opinion in the market was that there is very little probability that the company will ever part with control over its land, though "segregation of hotel and steamship properties may be effected some day." In the meantime fresh money is needed, which the directors prefer not to raise in either debenture stock, which would probably be the cheapest way of borrowing, or in shares. They wish also to give something to the shareholders, and the present issue represents the method of attaining all the objects desired.

## UNION LIFE INQUIRY CONCLUDED.

The government investigation into Union Life affairs, concluded on Thursday. Mr. C. A. Masten, K.C., representing the Dominion government, announced to Referee Kappele that, following this inquiry, a report would be prepared by Liquidator Clarkson and be submitted to the department of finance. In his report Mr. Clarkson will make certain recommendations looking to the prevention of a recurrence of a similar financial disaster by further regulations curtailing loans which may be made by insurance companies.

At the conclusion of the session, Mr. Pollman Evans, former president of the Union Life, furnished the investigation with a detailed statement, in which he gave his reasons for the collapse of the company and its allied corporations. Mr. Evans stated that the failure was due to the Scottish bondholders of the Imperial Loan and Investment Company entering suit to recover the half-million dollars which they had invested in the corporation. This, he maintained, resulted in the public losing confidence in the investments made by the Union Life.

Boston capital may build a cotton mill at Welland, Ont.

The Dominion Railway Commission will give a hearing on December 16 to discuss railway cartage service.

The Home Life shareholders and policyholders will meet on January 8, 1914, to ratify reinsurance agreement with the Sun Life. Mr. Frank Sanderson, the well-known consulting actuary, has made a report on the matter.