

OTTAWA ISSUE OVERSUBSCRIBED

Other Cities Are Placing Short Term Loans in London—
Conditions Improving Overseas

The brighter outlook in London has brought a rush of new issues. Harrod's London stores, which are allied with the Hudson's Bay Company, seek \$6,250,000 in sixes for extension of their business in Argentina. Other issues, totaling \$750,000, concern the Russian oil fields.

A Canadian Associated Press message says that Messrs. Helbert, Wagg & Russell are about to issue a new loan in London for the city of Ottawa. This will take the form of £189,600 4½ per cent. debentures of £100 each. The price of the issue will be 98½, and interest will be paid half-yearly, and the first coupon for £1 will be payable on the first of January next. The debentures are repayable at par by series between 1932 and 1953. This is the issue sold to Stimsons, of Toronto, recently.

Wanted More Information.

The London Daily Mail's financial editor remarks that Ottawa is quite a modest borrower in comparison with many other Canadian cities.

The London Morning Post agrees that Ottawa's credit stands high, but says the information in the advertisement of the new loan contains no particulars as to the debt, assessment, or population, which prevents any useful estimate of this class of the security.

The loan, though comparatively small in amount, was over-subscribed. Scrip was quoted at ½ premium. Many other municipalities will probably float loans in London as a result of Ottawa's success.

A Canadian Associated Press message says: The success of the Ottawa loan has caused but little surprise in Canadian financial circles here. The amount of the loan, for one thing, was small, and Ottawa's credit is among the highest of any. It is gratifying to learn that the outlook for Canadian securities here is somewhat improved, but there will certainly be a big lot of home flotations this autumn, so that some intending Canadian borrowers will doubtless receive advice to wait a little while.

Dominion Government Loan.

Another important issue appeared this week, comprising three million sterling four per cent. Dominion stock at 99. This will be the first four per cent. loan floated by the Canadian Government for many years, which, like most other dominions, is now obliged to adopt four per cent. basis. The price here is generally considered correct, and it is doubtful if any other dominion could have come within two points of that price.

Placing Short-term Loans.

Montreal, South Vancouver and Regina are placing further obligations on the London market in the shape of short-term loans. South Vancouver notes are 6½ per cent.; Montreal's, 4½ per cent. It is understood that an amount of about \$1,500,000 of Regina's bills are for six months, says a cable to the Montreal Star.

The Bank of Montreal is the issuing house for Calgary City, and are renewing line of treasury bills due September 30th at about six per cent. Regina has also placed a small amount of bills at the same rate.

The Government of South Africa, rather than risk a loan, has just renewed \$10,000,000 bills at 4½, and has also placed \$5,000,000 new bills on the same terms.

Calgary Power bonds are being urged upon investors in London. The financial editor of the London Express says: "Calgary is destined to be one of the most important industrial cities in Canada, and it is reasonable to anticipate that the future development of the city will lead to an expansion of business for Calgary Power."

Fifty-three per cent. of Victoria, Australia, fours has been left with the underwriters.

MORE ABOUT DOMINION'S LOAN.

The Bank of Montreal opened on September 25th lists for the Dominion Government loan of £3,000,000 4 per cents., redeemable between 1940 and 1960 at an issue price of 99 partly to redeem £1,700,000 fours due on October 1st and for other purposes.

This is the first 4 per cent. loan Canada has issued in a good many years and has now to follow the example of the other dominions, suggests Windermere in a cable to the Montreal Star.

The price is considered a fair one, both to the borrower and the lender in the present conditions, and is probably much better than is possible for any other borrower of the same class.

SELLING BONDS LOCALLY

Chatham, Ontario, is Talking to Its Citizens—Saskatchewan Settlers to Be Offered Debentures

The sale of municipal debentures "over the counter" is proceeding in many localities. The city of Chatham has for sale \$40,080 worth of debentures, and has sold locally \$15,376, leaving a balance of \$24,714 to sell. This is how they are advertised in a Chatham paper:—

Tempting the Local Man.

"Chatham debentures have always sold well. The city council decided to give our own citizens an opportunity to purchase some of them. Thus they are offering city debentures for \$100 and upward. Why leave your money in the bank drawing 3 per cent., when you can get Chatham's debentures, paying 5 per cent. and affording you the very best security in the world? If you have one hundred dollars or ten thousand dollars, it makes no difference. You can purchase these debentures, which can be sold any time you may wish, or can be held as an investment, paying 5 per cent. interest. One mechanic from one of the local factories purchased fifteen hundred dollars' worth this week. He will make thirty dollars a year more than he has been getting for the money. Wasn't he wise? Apply to the city treasurer or to S. B. Arnold, chairman of committee."

Selling to Settlers.

Paradise Hill, No. 501, Saskatchewan, has for sale \$5,000 permanent improvement debentures, payable in ten equal annual instalments. It is proposed to issue these in small denominations and to float the loan among the settlers in the district.

Reports received by *The Monetary Times* do not indicate that a great measure of success is being achieved by various cities and towns in selling their bonds locally.

BOND TENDERS INVITED

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Information for
Bond Dealers and Municipal Officials

Dilke Village, Sask.—The council has been authorized to borrow \$1,500. J. Montgomery, secretary-treasurer.

Excel R.M., Sask.—The council has been authorized to borrow \$15,000. J. A. Carr, secretary-treasurer, Viceroy.

Baildon R.M., Sask.—The council has been authorized to borrow \$5,000. A. Dunlop, secretary treasurer, Baildon.

Chaplin Village, Sask.—The council has been authorized to borrow \$2,000. H. S. G. Columbinee, secretary-treasurer.

Wallace R.M., Sask.—The council has been authorized to borrow \$1,000. R. H. Perkins, secretary-treasurer, Yorkton.

Victoria, B.C.—A by-law to borrow \$1,500,000 to acquire and construct the Sooke Lake water supply system, will be voted upon October 2nd.

Welland, Ont.—Up to October 20, for \$60,000 5 per cent. 30 year school debentures. J. H. Bugar, treasurer. (Official advertisement appears on another page.)

Chauvin, Alta.—Up to October 30th, for \$1,800 5 per cent. 10-year debentures. R. A. Cowan, secretary-treasurer. (Official advertisement appears on another page.)

Alsask, Sask.—Tenders will be received for \$6,000 20 instalment debentures. J. L. Spicer, secretary-treasurer. (Official advertisement appears on another page.)

Neepawa, Man.—Tenders are invited for \$7,038.44 5 per cent. 20-year local improvement debentures. J. W. Bradley, secretary-treasurer. (Official advertisement appears on another page.)

DEBENTURES AWARDED

Chatham, Ont.—\$15,376 out of an issue of \$40,080 to local investors.

Lachine, Que.—\$104,000, to Messrs. J. A. Mackay and Company, Montreal.

Wellington R. M., Sask.—\$3,000 6 per cent. 20 years, to Messrs. W. L. McKinnon and Company, Toronto.

North Battleford, Sask.—\$60,000 7 per cent. 30 instalments, school bonds, to Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Company, Toronto.