MUNICIPAL BONDS AND FINANCING

How Various Towns and Cities are Meeting Market Difficulties—Fiscal Agents Busy

The financial situation is causing a change in the plans of municipalities in British Columbia. In Burnaby employees have been laid off, since money is not available for improvements, and in Vancouver it is proposed to postpone a million dollars worth of paving that was to have been put down this year. Municipal payrolls are being kept down to necessary officials. In Victoria, it has been proposed to issue bonds of $100 denomination, so that they might be disposed of to residents of that city who might purchase the smaller amounts. An agreement with the fiscal agents, the Dominion Securities Corporation, may interfere with this, however, and the matter will stand over until the company has been communicated with.

Lethbridge, Alta., has received a communication from Messrs. Stimson & Company, Toronto, asking for an option on $363,000 debentures. These debentures will have to be re-advertised owing to some small legal technicality.

The Edmonton school board have disposed of $1,250,000 debentures to Messrs. Sidney Spitzer and Company, investment bankers, Toledo, Ohio, who were acting in conjunction with the Alberta School Supply Company, Edmonton. The price is understood to be fairly advantageous in view of the existing financial conditions.

Negotiations are proceeding for the disposal of the bonds of the Protestant board of school commissioners of Montreal.

Left to Fiscal Agents.

It is unlikely that Saskatoon will call for competitive tenders for the sale of its coming issue of debentures. The city has a fiscal agent looking after its interests in London, England, and in all likelihood these securities will be placed on the London market through this medium.

Swift Current, Sask., has turned over $20,000 6 per cent. debentures to Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Company, Toronto, for disposal.

South Vancouver's reeve and town clerk have been visiting Toronto to raise money for the town by the sale of debentures.

The city of Toronto has on deposit in local banks $11,000,000 of sinking funds on which it is receiving the current rate of interest—three per cent. per annum. At the same time the city has borrowed many millions of dollars from the same banks for which it is paying six per cent. interest. This is explained by the fact that it is illegal for the city to use sinking funds for purposes other than those for which they were obtained. It is not improbable that efforts will be made with a view to securing better terms from the banks.

May Sell Over Counter.

Baltimore's proposed plan of selling its securities to citizens of the city interested Mayor Hocken while he was in that city last week. Mr. Hocken approves of the plan of selling debentures in $100 blocks to those citizens who have a small sum laid away, and are drawing but three per cent. on their savings. The debentures will return four and a half per cent. This will be laid before the Toronto board of control.

SELLING BONDS LOCALLY.

The city of Chatham, Ont., is selling its debentures locally.

Mr. W. Aeneas Mackay, general manager London and Lancashire Life and General Assurance Association, Limited, London, England, recently arrived in Montreal, accompanied by Mr. Alex. Bissett, manager for Canada. Mr. Mackay and Mr. Bissett have left for the West on a tour of inspection.

Sir Max Aitken, M.P., has been re-elected president of the Porto Rico Railways Company, and Mr. D. E. Thomson, K.C., vice-president.

RAILROAD BONDS SOLD OVERSEAS

Pacific Great Eastern Railway Issue Made—Provincial Loans

Three million dollars' worth of bonds of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, now building from North Vancouver to Fort George, guaranteed by the British Columbia provincial government and bearing interest at 4½ per cent. and redeemable in thirty years, have been sold by Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Company, London, to a syndicate of British investors at 100⅛.

The only issue of the bonds of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway was made in January, 1912, when the public was invited for subscriptions to the extent of $5,000,000 at 99. Owing to the European situation, the investing public did not respond, and a large portion of the issue was left on the hands of the underwriters. The recent sale was one of additional bonds, making the total sold thus far $7,000,000.

Alberta and New Brunswick.

Regarding the new Alberta provincial loan Mr. Sifton, premier, says that he did not go to London to raise money, but confessed that he might have thought about it if the market had been more favorable.

New Brunswick is advertising for tenders for an issue of $100,000 4 per cent. 20-year provincial debentures.

Every new loan that comes out fails more hopelessly than the last, and the only real success is the Chinese issue which is unaccountably popular and still stands at a reduced premium, says a London cable to the New York Times Annalist. Insurance companies and other big underwriters are loaded up with stock that they do not want and cannot throw off, and at the end of last week they actually called a gathering of underwriters and bankers to consider means for damming the flood of prospectuses.

Changes in Prices.

During the past week the following changes were noted in Canadian securities in London.

Alberta ten year debentures, 1922, 94 to 95.
Dominion of Canada loan, 1938, 3 per cent., 84 to 86.
Newfoundland sterling bonds, 1947, 3 per cent., 75 to 77.
Province of Nova Scotia debentures, 3½ per cent., 85 to 87.
Province of British Columbia, 1941, 3 per cent., 78 to 80.
Dominion of Canada, registered, 1938, 3 per cent., 82 to 84.
Dominion of Canada, inscribed, 1947, 2½ per cent., 72 to 74.
Newfoundland, inscribed, 1925, 4 per cent., 98 to 100.
Province of Nova Scotia, 1954, 3½ per cent., 82 to 84.
Province of Saskatchewan, registered, 1951, 92 to 94.
Montreal permanent, 3 per cent., 68 to 71.
Quebec consolidated stock, 84 to 86.
Vancouver, 1931, 4 per cent., 90 to 92.

DEBENTURES AWARDED.

Westaskiwin, Alta.—$23,000 to the Imperial Bank of Canada.

Westaskiwin, Alta.—$820 Messrs. Stimson and Company, Toronto.

Kamloops, B.C.—$480,000 to Dominion Securities Corporation, Toronto.

Edmonton, Alta.—$1,250,000 to Messrs. Sidney Spitzer and Company, Toledo, Ohio.

Swift Current, Sask.—$20,000 6 per cent. to Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Company, Toronto.

Last Mountain Valley R.M., Sask.—$10,000 6 per cent. 20 years to Flood Land Company, Regina.

Clen Bain R.M., Sask.—$10,000 6 per cent. 20 annual instalments to the Flood Land Company, Regina.

Quill Lake, Sask.—$2,000 6 per cent. 10 annual instalments to Messrs. Burgess and Company, Toronto.

Lost River R.M., Sask.—$3,000 7 per cent. 15 instalments to Messrs. Brent, Noxon and Company, Toronto.

Drywood S.D., Alta.—$1,000 6 per cent. 10 annual instalments to the Alberta School Supply Company, Edmonton.

Midland, Ont.—$23,000 County of Simcoe guaranteed 5 per cent. 30 instalments to Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Company, Toronto.

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%.
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(1) June 16-31 (2) June 6-16 (3) June 16-July 2 (4) June 20-30 (5) June 24 to July 2 (6) June 16-30 (7) June 25-July 3 (8) June 30-July 18 (9) June 20-July 2