

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

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Condition of Acceptance Market  
February 17, 1927 to March 16, 1927.

Acceptances.

There was a temporary scarcity of new bills offered in the New York acceptance market during the first week of the reporting period, February 17 - March 16, but later the supply regained its former volume, consisting chiefly of bills based on cotton, silk, coffee, and sugar. The supply was small in Boston throughout the period, with cotton, sugar, wool, and rubber bills in largest number. The demand was active in both centers through February and then fell off somewhat, but in New York dealers' sales reached an unusually large total during the week ending March 16, largely on account of foreign purchases. Dealers' offerings to the reserve banks were light early in the period but later increased and their portfolios on March 16 were reduced to the smallest proportions reported since last October. Rates on 30 and 90 day bills were lowered by most dealers on February 25 in the face of the limited supply and these lower rates prevailed during the remainder of the period. The following table shows the market rates on bills of various maturities at the beginning and end of the period:

Maturity	Feb. 17		March 16	
	Bid	Offered	Bid	Offered
30 days	3 3/4	3 5/8	3 5/8	3 1/2
60 days	3 3/4	3 5/8	3 3/4	3 5/8
90 days	3 7/8	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 5/8
120 days	3 7/8	3 3/4	3 7/8	3 3/4
150 days	3 7/8	3 3/4	3 7/8	3 3/4
180 days	4	3 7/8	4	3 7/8