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CAPITAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

No large corporate or State and local government issues for new capital were sold last week. This week, the calendar includes corporate offerings amounting to \$145 million and one State and local government issue for \$10 million.

<u>Bond yields</u> - Yields increased last week for all categories of outstanding bonds, except those for high-grade State and local government bonds, which remained stable.

Corporate and State and local government bond yields were relatively stable in early December, but increased later in the month. Corporate bond yields, increasing 7 basis points during December, and U. S. Government obligations, increasing 18 basis points, were at record peaks at the end of the year. In contrast, State and local government yields increased 12 basis points, but were still below their highs reached earlier in the year. At the end of December, yields on corporate and U. S. Government obligations were about 50 basis points higher than at the end of 1958, while those for State and local government bonds were about 35 basis points higher.

FNMA secondary market operations - Secondary market operations of the Federal National Mortgage Association slackened slightly in November. Although offerings and purchases were somewhat less than a month earlier, they were still at unusually high levels.

January security volume - Corporate security issues for new capital in January are currently estimated at \$750 million, about onetenth less than in either last month or in January 1959. Large publiclyoffered issues are expected to total about \$300 million.

State and local government bond issues are expected to total \$800 million in January, including a \$200 million revenue issue by New York State Power Authority which is expected to be sold in mid-month. This total would be more than three-fourths larger than the volume in December and one-fourth larger than January 1959 sales.

<u>Stock prices</u> - Standard and Poor's index of 500 common stocks increased last week, closing at 59.89 on December 31. Trading activity increased with the daily volume averaging 3.3 million shares a day.

Prices increased nearly 3 per cent during December and at the close of the year were 8 per cent higher than at the end of 1958, but slightly below the high of 60.71 reached in early August. Trading activity during December averaged 3.3 million shares a day, little different from that in November. For the year 1959, the daily volume averaged 3.2 million shares a day as compared with an average of 3.0 million shares in 1958.

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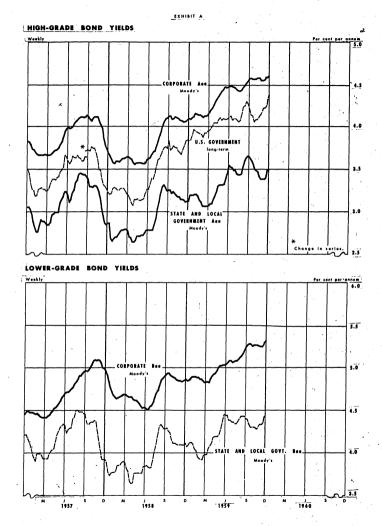
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More detailed information concerning recent capital market developments is presented in the attached exhibits.

Developments in the Canadian capital market are presented in Appendix 1 at the end of this report.



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Exhibit B

Tables for Exhibit A

High-grade Hond Yields

High-grade Hond Yields					
Date	Corporate Aaa <u>1</u> /	U. S. Govt. long-term <u>2</u> /	State and local govt. Aaa 3/	Spread b U. S. Gov Corporate Aaa	
		(Per cent)		,	
1954 - Low 1957 - High 1958 - High Low 1959 - High Low	$\begin{array}{c} 2.85 (4/23) \\ 4.14 (9/27) \\ 4.13 (10/10) \\ 3.55 (5/2) \\ 4.61 (12/31) \\ 4.09 (1/9) \end{array}$	2.45 (8/6) 3.76 (10/18) 3.84 (12/26) 3.07 (4/25) 4.37 (12/31) 3.83 (1/2)	$\begin{array}{c} 1.90 (9/2) \\ 3.45 (8/29) \\ 3.31 (9/11) \\ 2.64 (5/1) \\ 3.65 (9/24) \\ 3.06 (3/26) \end{array}$.30 .60 .51 .22 .50 .16	.30 .47 .72 .34 .92 .53
Dec. 4 Dec. 11 Dec. 18 Dec. 24 Dec. 31 <u>p</u> /	4.55 4.56 4.59 4.59 4.61	4.21 4.22 4.25 4. <u>3</u> 3 4.37	3.38 3.38 3.40 3.49 3.49	• 34 • 34 • 34 • 26 • 24	.83 .84 .85 .84 .88

Lower-grade Bond Yields

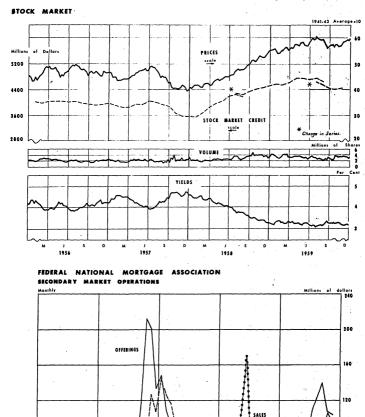
n-+	Corporate	State and	Spread Aaa an	between d Baa
Date	Baa <u>1</u> /	local govt. Baa <u>3</u> /	Corporate	State and local govt.
		(Per cent)	• ·	
1954 - Low 1957 - High 1958 - High Low 1959 - High Low	3.44 $(12/31)$ 5.10 $(11/29)$ 4.96 $(1/3)$ 4.51 $(7/11)$ 5.32 $(12/31)$ 4.83 $(4/17)$	2.93 (8/5) 4.51 (8/29) 4.34 (9/11) 3.64 (5/1) 4.46 (7/2) 3.92 (3/26)	.52 1.27 1.28 .77 .77 .56	.96 1.21 1.11 .93 .98 .79
Dec. 4 Dec. 11 Dec. 18 Dec. 24 Dec. 31 p/	5.25 5.25 5.27 5.30 5.32	4.33 4.33 4.35 4.42 4.42 4.43	.70 .69 .68 .71 .71	•95 •95 •95 •93 •94

 p/ Preliminary.
1/ Weekly average of daily figures. Average term of bonds included is 25-26 years. 2/ Weekly average of daily figures. The series includes bonds due or callable in 10 years or more.

3/ Thursday figures. Only general obligation bonds are included; average term is 20 years.

Note .-- Highs and lows are for individual series and may be on different dates for different series.

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Exhibit D - Tables for Exhibit C

	·	Common	Trading	Stock	market cust	omer ci	redit
Date	Stock price	stock	volume 3/		Customers'		uk .
Date	index 1/	yields 2/	(millions	Total	debit bal-	loans	to
	_	(per cent)	of shares)	1.1	ances 4/	"other	<u>s" 5/</u>
				(Mil	lions of do	llars)	
1953-1958 - High	54.11 (12/24/58) 3.30	4.9	4,492	3,285	1,317	
Low	22.95 (9/18/53)	6.25	0.9	2,055	1,314	669	
1959 - High	60.51 (7/31)	3.08	4.3	4,764	3,401	1,332	1,373
Low	54.37 (2/6)	3.34	2.1	4,401	3,210	1,210	1,180
October	57.00	3.24	2.8	4,401	3,210		1,191
November	57.23	3.24	3.4	4,460	5,273		1,187
Dec. 18	59.14	3.20	3.2	n a	n.a.		1,187
Dec. 24	59.00	3.20	2.9	n.a.	n.a.		1,192
Dec. 31 p/	59.89	3.15	3.3	n.a.	n.a.		n.a.

Stock Market

p/ Preliminary. n.a.--Not available.

1/ Standard and Poor's composite index of 500 common stocks, weekly closing prices, 1941-43=10. Monthly data are averages of daily figures rather than of Fridays' only. Highs and lows are for Fridays' data only. 2/ Standard and Poor's composite stock yield based on Wednesday data converted to weekly closing prices by

Federal Reserve. Yields shown are for dates on which price index reached its high or low.

3/ Averages of daily trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange.

4/ End of month figures for member firms' of the New York Stock Exchange which carry margin accounts; excludes balances secured by U. S. Government obligations.

5/ Hednesday figures for weekly reporting member banks. Excludes loans for purchasing or carrying U. S. Government securities. Frior to July 1, 1959, such loans are excluded only at banks in New York and Chicago. Weekly reporting banks account for about 70 per cent of loans to others. For further detail see Bulletin.

Federal National Mortgage Association Secondary Market Operations 1/

	Estimated	Offerings to	o FNMA Standby	Purchases by	Sales
Date	Total	Immediate purchase	commitment	I-NIMA	FNMA
- 470		(MIL	lions of dol:	Lars)	
1958 - Nov. Dec. 1959 - Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. p/	40.7 39.7 37.7 44.4 52.4 57.8 80.6 84.4 109.5 123.1 14.1.3 107.4 104.2	39.2 35.3 33.9 41.2 49.8 50.1 73.4 73.4 92.5 109.8 134.8 100.9 99.1	1.5 4.4 3.8 2.6 7.7 7.2 7.8 17.1 13.3 6.5 6.5 5.1	20.0 33.2 33.7 27.6 36.5 39.6 38.3 49.4 62.3 71.7 85.4 105.5 92.6	1.1 .9 .3 * 1.1 .6 .3 .3 *

--Less than \$50,000.

1/ Data represent unpuid principal balances of the mortgages involved, exclusive of premiums, discounts, or other charges. Offerings are amounts of applications received during the period from sellers proposing that Fint oxecute purchasing contracts. An immediate purchase contract covers existing mortgages which the seller must deliver to FNMA within 45 days. A standby commitment contract relates to proposed mortgages, on housing not yet under construction, which the soller must Digitized for FR committeen sources, Data erclude Pitta activity under Special Assistance and Management and

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Exhibit E

Long-term Corporate and State and Local Government Security Offerings and Placements

			apital	1 A 1		
•		Corporat		State and local 2/		
	1960	1959	1958	1960	1959	1958
January February March	<u>e</u> /750	840 745 631	728 857 1,553 <u>3</u> /	<u>e</u> /800	636 856 645	812 953 511
April May June		899 791 874	1,140 597 887		931 592 981	798 895 551
July August September		531 718 709	1,107 540 1,114		566 516 467	806 403 651
October November December		p/826 e/850 e/850	862 518 920		p/573 e/450 e/450	456 - 474 435
lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter		2,216 2,564 1,958 <u>e</u> /2,526	3,139 2,623 2,760 2,300		2,138 2,504 1,549 <u>e</u> /1,473	2,276 2,244 1,860 1,365
lst half Ihree quarters Year		4,780 6,738 e/9,264	5,762 8,522 10,823		4,642 6,191 <u>e</u> /7,664	4,520 6,380 7,746
	Excluding	finance co	mpanies 4/			
lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter		2,011 2,409 1,695 <u>e</u> /2,376	2,899 2,586 2,731 2,213			•
fear		e/8,491	10,429			e

(In millions of dollars)

J Securities and Exchange Commission estimates of net proceeds.
J Investment Bankers Association of America estimates of principal amounts.
J Includes \$718.3 million AT&T convertible debenture issue.
J Total new capital issues excluding offerings of sales and consumer finance

companies.

Exhibit F

Other Security Offerings 1/

(In millions of dollars)

			Long	-term		
	Forei	n governme 1958	ent 2/	Fe	deral agen	cy 3/
	1959	1958	1957	1959	1958	1957
January February March	77 59 2	196 53	84 49 30	199 175	1,163 251	72
April May June	56 50 42	139 198 120	123 48 42		523	125 60
July August September	85 1 36	9 5 17	28 7 30	 98 150	164	215
October November December	29	58 123 74	4 60 1		220	100
Year		992	507		2,321	572
			Short-			
	State and	local gove	rnment 4/	Fed	eral agency	3/
January February farch	190 428 295	233 460 273	326 455 147	359 500 489	371 208 144	638 430 505
pril May June	563 411 245	357 354 264	205 337 153	486 675 289	209 161 329	336 469 501
fuly Lugust September	246 467 399	289 423 369	272 272 252	727 365 665	437 206 330	224 370 512
October Iovember December	₽/234	231 415 243	303 94 459	733 471	454 114 137	1,238 255 116
Year		3,910	3,274		3,098	5,543

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1/ Data presented in this exhibit differ from those in Exhibit E in that refunding issues, as well as new capital issues, are included. Long-term securities are defined as those maturing in more than one year.

2/ Includes securities offered in the United States by foreign governments and their subdivisions and by international organizations. Source: Securities and Exchange Commission.

3/ Issues not guaranteed by the U. S. Government. Source: long-term, Securities and Exchange Commission; short-term, Federal Reserve.

Digitized for HLA Principally tax and bond anticipation notes, warrants or certificates and Public Housing Authority notes. In some instances PMA notes included may have a somewhat http://fraiongeritern than one year. Source: Bond Buyer.

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Exhibit G

Large Long-term Public Security Issues for New Capital (Other than U. S. Treasury) 1/

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Proceeds of Large Issues Offered

(Millions of dollars)

Month	Corporate	State and local government	Other <u>2</u> /
1958 - November	227	259	100
December	305	229	79
1959 - January	369	335	174
February	340	551	35
March	215	369	35 176
April	359 342 284	563	20
May	342	258	50
June	284	635	60
July	110	194	50
August	363	263	98
September	199	214	175
October	400	294	20
November	421	163	

Large Individual Issues Offered during December

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Issuer	Туре 3/	Amount (millions of dollars)	Maturity	Coupon rate or net inter est cost	- yield	Rating
CORPORATE			•	÷		
Consol. Edison Co. of N.Y. Gen. Telephone Co. of Cal. Arkansas Louisiana Cas Co. James Talcott, Inc. Arkansas Pwr. & Lt. Co. Dallas Pwr. & Lt. Co. Pub. Sv. Elec. & Gas Co. Bell Tel. Co. of Penna.	lst ref.mtg lst mtg. b lst mtg. b Sr. note lst mtg. b lst mtg. b Com. stk. Deb.	ds. 30.0 ds. 16.0 s 15.0 ds. 15.0 ds. 20.0) 1989) 1979) 1979) 1979) 1989) 1989	5 1/4 5 1/8 5 1/2 5 5/8 5 1/4 5 3/8	5.15 5.00 5.15 5.55 5.45 5.10 5.21	Aa A A Aaa Aaa
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	-					
Salt River Project Agric. Imp. & Pwr. Dist., Ariz.	RevUt.	15.0	1963-92/6	9 4.05	3.10-4.15	A
Los Angeles Sch. Dists., California Columbus, Ohio Los Angeles Co., Calif. State of Massachusetts	G.O. G.O. RevUt. G.O.	21.5 10.0 13.0 21.6	1961-85 1962-86 1999/65 1960-89	3.49 5.65	2.90-3.90 2.80-3.55 5.51 2.80-3.65	Aa Aa Aa
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Issuer	Type <u>3</u> /	Amount (millions of dollars)	Maturity	Coupon rate or net inter- est cost	Offering yield	Rating
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)						
Commonwealth of Puerto Rice			1961-80/75		3.00-4.05	A
Chicago Bd. of Educ., 111.		10.0	1962-79 1961-89		3.00-3.70 3.00-4.004	/ A A
Houston Indep. S.D., Texas State of New Jersey	G.O. G.O.	66.8	1961-09		2.90-3.40	A Aaa
DeKalb Co. Sch. Dist., Ga.		11.5	1962-90		3.10-4.10	A
Wisconsin State Agencies			-/ /-	4.02		
Bldg. Corp.	G.O.	10.7	1962-89	3.91	3.00-3.90	
OTHER		-		,		
Credit Foncier de France Alberta Mun. Fin. Corp.	Ext.loan bd: S.F. deb.	s.50.0 20.0	1979 1984	5 1/2 5	5.89 . 5.10	 Aa

Large Individual Issues Offered during December (Cont'd)

1/ Includes corporate and other security offerings of \$15 million and over; State and local government security offerings of \$10 million and over.

2/ Includes foreign government and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development issues and non-guaranteed issues by Federal agencies.

3/ In the case of State and local government securities, G.O. denotes general obligations; Rev.-Ut., revenue obligations secured only by income from public utilities; Rev.-Q.Ut., revenue bonds secured only by revenue from quasi-utilities; Rev.-S.T., revenue bonds secured by revenue from specific taxes only; Rev.-Rent., revenue bonds secured solely by lease payments.

4/ 1/4 % 1989 maturity not reoffered.

Exhibit H

Forthcoming Large Long-term Public Security Offerings for New Capital (Other than U. S. Treasury) $\underline{1}/$

Date of	Durir	ng month foll date shown	owing		bsequent to date shown	e e
computation	Corporate	State and local govt.	Other 2/	Corporate	State and local govt.	Other 2
1958 - Dec. 31 1959 - Jan. 30 Feb. 27 Mar. 31 Apr. 30 Jule 30 July 31 Aug. 31 Sept. 30 Oct. 30 Nov. 30 Dec. 31	210 270 198 396 246 287 165 287 198 374 385 226 210	261 551 292 550 254 247 146 356 385 270 115 295 445	75 45 20 50 25 70 30	370 365 279 476 346 332 272 305 517 694 509 271 280	515 856 481 761 517 761 500 406 402 470 336 485 545	75 45 50 50 25 70 30

Expected Proceeds from Forthcoming Large Issues

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Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of December 31

, Issuer	Туре	Amount (millions of dollars)	Approximate date of offering
CORPORATE			-
C.I.T. Financial Corp.	Deb.	75.0	Jan. 6
Commercial Credit Co.	Notes	50.0	Jan. 6
Kansas City Power & Light Co.	lst mtg. bds.	20.0	Jan. 7
Northern Illinois Gas Co.	Pfd. stk.	15.0	Jan. 13
Chesapeake & Potomac Tel. Co. of Md.	Deb.	25.0	Jan. 13
*General Public Utilities Corp.	Com. stk.	24.5	Jan. 19
			rights expire)
*General Acceptance Corp.	Deb.	25.0	Feb.
Commerce Oil Refining Corp.	Deb., bds. & con	. 45.0	Indefinite
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT			
Toledo Sch. Dist., Ohio	G.O.	10.0	Jan. 7
Seattle, Washington	RevUt.	11.8	Jan. 11
City and Co. of San Francisco, Calif.	0.0.	13.6	Jan, 11
New York State Power Authority	RevUt.	200.0	Jan. 12
State of Maryland	G.O.	23.1	Jan, 12
Tacoma, Washington	RevUt.	32.0	Jan. 12

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Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of December 31

Issuer	Туре	Amount (millions of dollars)	Approximate date of offering
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont'd)		-	
State of California State of Washington State of North Carolina State of Louisiana Public Housing Authorities	G.O. RevUt. G.O. G.O. G.O.	100.0 28.1 11.1 15.0 100.0	Jan. 13 Jan. 20 Jan. 20 Jan. 20 Feb.
CTHER Montreal Metropolitan Corp., Canada	Deb.	30.0	Jan. 27

1/ Includes corporate and other issues of \$15 million and over; State and

local government issues of \$10 million and over. 2/ Includes foreign government and International Bank for Reconstruction

and Development issues and non-guaranteed issues by Federal agencies. Note.--Deletions for reasons other than sale of issue: None.

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Exhibit I

Yields on New and Outstanding Electric Power Bonds, Rated Aa and A 1/

· · · ·	Aa-rated offering yields				A-rated offering yields		
Date	Actual Amo		ount above soned yields asis points)		Actual (per cent)	Amount above seasoned yields (basis points)	
1952 - 1958 High Low	5.00 (9/14, 2.93 (3/31,		87 -3	۰ بر بر	5.50 (11/7, 3.00 (3/17,	/57) 123 /54) -15	
1959 - January February March April	4.63 *4.352/ 4.432/ 4.582/		37 4 10 17		*4.75 ² / *4.67	23 18	
May 1 13 14 20 21 26 June 4 17 26 July 9 10 15 30 Aug. 5 20 Sept. 18 Oct. 22 23 28 29 30 Nov. 25 Dec. 8 9 10	4.95 4.95 5.00 4.95 4.93 4.85 4.80 5.25 4.80 5.25 5.15 5.15 5.08 5.30		38 34 38 29 31 24 22 46 16 16 40 42 42 63		4.85 5.06 5.13 4.92 ^{2/} 5.10 5.10 5.10 5.00 5.65 5.25 5.40 5.44	17 13 27 6 24 19 19 13 60 35 50 50	

*--Single observation, not an average.

1/ Covers only 30-year first mortgage bonds, as reported in Moody's Bond Survey. Except where indicated, the actual yield figure and the amount above seasoned yields are averages of offerings during the indicated period and of the differences between these new offering yields and yields on seasoned issues of similar quality for the same day. Average maturity for the seasoned issues varies from 26 to 28 years.

2/ Provides for a 5-year period during which issue may not be called for refunding at a lower coupon rate. Monthly averages so marked include one or more issues with such a provision. Other issues have no such provision.

3/ Provides for a 7-year period during which issue may not be called for refunding at a lower coupon rate.

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Appendix 1

MONEY AND CAPITAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS IN CANADA

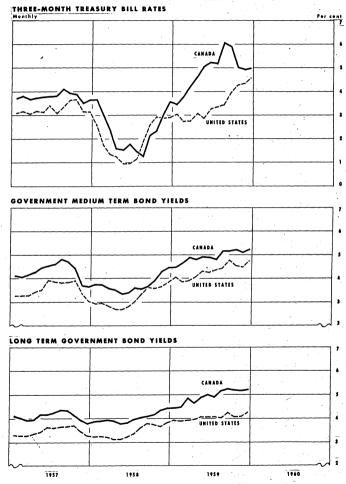
Money market conditions - Last Thursday's average auction rate for 3-month bills rose to 5.12 per cent from 5.03 per cent the weak before. The rate on 6-month bills rose to 5.1/1 per cent from 5.33 per cent. Since the rate on 3-month bills in the United States fell slightly and the rate on 6-month bills in this country remained stable, spreads between comparable rates in the two countries widened. A reduction in the discount on the forward Canadian dollar also acted to reduce the incentive for switching funds from Canadian to United States bills. The interest advantage of such a switch was reduced from eighttentis of one per cent the week before to only three-tenths of one per cent last week.

The general easing in Canadian money market pressures since their peak in mid-August can be seen in the statistics on the lower half of Appendix page, A-2. In August, the banks were only able to meet their cash requirements by rather extensive borrowing from the Bank of Canada; at the peak on August 12, this borrowing totaled \$52 million under purchase and resale agreements. On August 13, the 3-month bill rate rose to a high of 6.16 per cent; at the next several auctions, drastic reductions in total Treasury bill offerings helped to reduce the rate to 5.33 per cent at the month's end. The easing of rates since mid-August also reflected the reduction in commercial bank loans and the improvement in the cash and liquid asset ratios of the chartered banks.

Bond market developments - Several Canadian municipal, utility and corporate issues were sold privately and through dealers to the general public last week. Two small Quebec private utility issues, placed privately in the United States, paid 5.63 per cent and 5.88 per cent on 25-year noncallable first mortgage sinking fund bonds. In Canada, Simpson-Sears Acceptance Company offered investors a par 20-year debenture issue yielding 6-3/4 per cent. The issue was oversubscribed. Two smaller corporate issues were also offered with a 6-3/4 per cent yield for 20-year noncallable issues.



CANADA - UNITED STATES



Appendix 1-3

Date	3-month Treasury bills1/	Inter- mediate Govt. bond2/	Long- term Govt, bond3/	Spread be Canadian & U long-term bond		Discount on 3-mo. Canadian dollar
1957 – High 1958 – High Low 1959 – High Low	4.08 3.65 0.87 6.16 3.25	4.81 4.52 3.31 5.30 4.45	4.35 4.42 3.78 5.30 4.41	1.19 0.47	2.96 0.30	
Dec. 9 16 23 30	5.02 4.98 5.03 5.12	5.19 5.23 5.28 (n.a.)	5.20 5.23 5.26 (n.a.)	1.02 1.01 0.93 (n.a.)	0.38 0.14 0.36 0.60	1.01 1.25 1.13 0.91

Selected Government of Canada Security Yields

Average yield at weekly tender on Thursday following Wednesday date shown. / Government of Canada 2-3/4 per cent of June 15, 1967-78.

3/ Government of Canada 3-1/4 per cent of 1979.

4/U.S. Government 3-1/4 per cent of 1978-83. Government of Canada 3-1/4 per cent of 1979.

5/ Spread between average auction rates: on Monday preceding Wednesday date shown for the United States; on Thursday following Wednesday date shown for Canada 6/ Spread between 3-months forward and spot price of the Canadian dollar, expressed as per cent per annum, on Friday following Wednesday date shown.

n.a. - Not available.

Money Market Statistics

<u>.</u> 1811	Bank of Canada Advances to banks	Charte	Rate on	3-month Treasury bills Auction	
<u>Date</u> 1959	plus securities held on resale agreement (\$ million)	Cash <u>ratiol/</u>	day-to-day loans2/	rate next day	Amount <u>sold3/</u> (\$ million)
July 29	4	8.1	5.45	5.47	155
Aug. 26	20	8.2	5.50	5.33	95
Sept. 30		8.3	4.60	5.50	115
Oct. 28	17	8.3	4.10	5.02	125
Nov. 25	15	8.3	4.00	4.86	120
Dec. 23		8.3	(n.a.)	5.03	120

Statutory basis. Average of month to date. Weekly average of daily closing rates.

Includes sales of 6-month bills.

Source: Bank of Canada, Statistical Summa