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January 25, 1960.

CAPITAL NARKET DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Part I. United States

Large corporate issues for new capital totaling \$05 million and State and local government bond issues amounting to \$77 million were sold during the week ending January 22. This week, the calendar includes one large corporate offering for \$30 million and a Federal agency long-term offering for \$100 million. No large State and local government issues are scheduled for sale this week.

Bond yields - Changes in yields on seasoned bonds were mixed but minor last week. Yields on lower grade corporate bonds continued to increase while those for high-grade bonds remained stable. Yields on State and local government and U. S. Government obligations declined slightly.

Mortgage and bond yields - Average secondary market discounts on certain FHA-insured 5-3/4 per cent home mortgages, which had been increasing since last April, were unchanged in December at 3.6 per cent. The implied gross yield on these loans of nearly 6-1/4 per cent remained about 65 basis points above a year earlier. The spread between new corporate bond yields and FHA mortgage yields continued to be relatively narrow, although somewhat larger than at midyear; at 107 basis points it was the smallest on record for the month of December.

Stock market credit - Customer credit in the stock market (excluding borrowing on U. S. Government securities) declined slightly during December to total $\frac{34}{10}$, $\frac{1}{10}$ million at the end of the year. Customer credit has shown little net change since September as can be seen in the chart on Exhibit C. The December decline was a result of a $\frac{3}{13}$ million decline in bank loans to other than brokers or dealers for purchasing and carrying securities and a $\frac{33}{10}$ million increase in net debit balances.

Borrowing by member firms of the New York Stock Exchange maintaining margin accounts (excluding borrowing on U. S. Government securities) continued to increase substantially last month, totaling \$2,362 million at the end of December. Customers' net free credit balances also increased. These and other data on stock market credit for December and November are shown in the table on the following page.

Stock prices - Stock prices as measured by Standard and Poor's index of 500 common stocks declined again last week. Closing at 57.38 on January 22, prices were 4 per cent lower than at the close of 1959. Trading activity slackened somewhat with the daily volume averaging 2.8 million shares a day.

| | End of month | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------|------------|--|
| | Dec. | Nov. | Change | |
| | (Millions | of dollar | rs) | |
| Customer credit | 1 | | | |
| Excluding U. S. Government securities - total | 4,450 | 4,460 | -10 | |
| Net debit balances | 3,276 | 3,273 | +3 | |
| Bank loans to "others" | 1,174 | 1,187 | -13 -15 | |
| Net debit balances secured by U. S. Govt. securities | 150 | 165 | -15 | |
| Bank loans to others for purchasing or carrying U. S. | 1 | | | |
| Government securities | 164 | 158 | +6 | |
| roker and dealer credit | | | | |
| Money borrowed except on U. S. Government securities | 2,362 | 2,256 | +106 | |
| On customer collateral | 2,044 | 1,999 | +45 | |
| Money borrowed on U. S. Government securities | 221 | 236 | -15 | |
| Customers' net free credit balances | 997 | 974 | +23 | |
| Customers' net iree credit balances | 997 | 974 | +23 | |

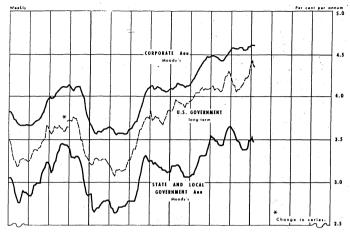
More detailed information concerning recent capital market developments is presented in the attached exhibits.

Developments in the Canadian capital market are presented in Part II at the end of this report.

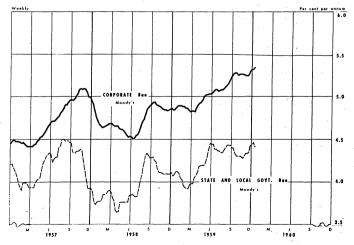
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LOWER-GRADE BOND YIELDS



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Tables for Exhibit A High-grade Bond Yields

| Date | Date Corporate | | State and local govt. | Spread between U. S. Govt. and Corporate State and | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| | ±/ | long-term 2/ | Aaa <u>3</u> / | Aaa | local Aaa | |
| | | (Per cent) | | | | |
| 1954 - Low 1957 - High 1958 - High Low 1959 - High Low | 2.85 (4/23) 4.14 (9/27) 4.13 (10/10) 3.55 (5/2) 4.61 (12/31) 4.09 (1/9) | 2.45 (8/6) 3.76 (10/18) 3.84 (12/26) 3.07 (4/25) 4.37 (12/31) 3.83 (1/2) | 1.90 (9/2) 3.45 (8/29) 3.31 (9/11) 2.64 (5/1) 3.65 (9/24) 3.06 (3/26) | .30 .60 .51 .22 .50 | .30 .47 .72 .34 .92 .53 | |
| Dec. 24 Dec. 31 Jan. 8 Jan. 15 Jan. 22 p/ | 4.59 4.61 4.61 4.61 4.61 | 4.32 4.37 4.42 4.37 4.35 | 3.49 3.49 3.53 3.49 3.47 | .27 .24 .19 .24 .26 | .83 .88 .89 .88 | |

Lower-grade Bond Yields

| Date | Corporate | State and | Spread Aaa ar | between d Baa |
|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Date | Baa <u>1</u> / | local govt. Baa 3/ | 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 (1/17) | 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 | .96 1.21 1.11 .93 .98 .79 |
| Dec. 24 Dec. 31 Jan. 8 Jan. 15 Jan. 22 p/ | 5.30 5.32 5.32 5.34 5.35 | 4.42 4.43 4.46 4.43 4.41 | .71 .71 .71 .73 .74 | .93 .94 .93 .94 .94 |

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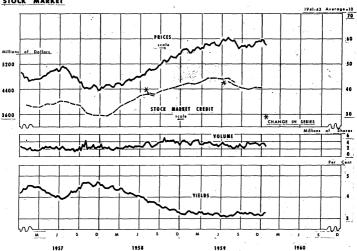
1/ Weekly average of daily figures. Average term of bonds included is 25-26 years.

2/ Weekly average of daily figures. The series includes bonds due or callable in 10 years or more.

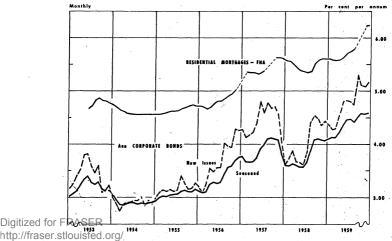
³/ Thursday figures. Only general obligation bonds are included; average term is 20 years.

Note .-- lighs and lows are for individual series and may be on different dates for Digitized for FASE Fieb.









Stock Market.

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|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | | Common | Trading | | market cust | tomer credit |
| Date | Stock price | stock | volume 3/ | | Customers | Bank |
| | index 1 | yields 2/ | | Total | debit bal- | loans to |
| - | 1 | per cent) | of shares) | | ances 4/ | "others" 5/ |
| | 1 . | | | (Mil | lions of do | llars) |
| 1953-1958 - High Low 1959 - High Low | 54.11 (12/24/58 22.95 (9/18/53) 60.51 (7/31) 54.37 (2/6) | | 4.9 0.9 4.3 2.1 | 4,492 2,055 4,764 4,401 | 3,285 1,314 3,401 3,210 | 1,317 669 1,332 1,372 1,210 1,178 |
| November December Jan. 8 Jan. 15 Jan. 22 | 57.23 59.06 59.50 58.38 57.38 | 3.24 3.18 3.18 3.24 3.29 | 3.4 3.3 3.6 3.5 2.8 | 4,460 4,450 n.a. n.a. | 3,273 3,276 n.a. n.a. | 1,187 1,171 1,327 1,335 |
| | | | | | | |

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

1/ Stundard 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 atook yield based on Mediasday 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 will che carry margin accounts; excludes balances scoured by U. S. Government obligations.

5/ Mednesday figures for weekly reporting member banks. Excludes loans for purchasing or carrying U. S. Covernment securities. Prior 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.

Mortgage and Bond Yields 1/

| Date | FHA | Aaa corpo bonds 1 | | Spread between new corporate bonds and | |
|------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|--|----------------|
| | mortgages 2/ | New 3/ | Seasoned 4/ | FILA mortgages | Seasoned bonds |
| 1953-1958 - High | 5.63 (11/57) | 4.81 (6/57) | 4.12 (9/57) | | .90 |
| Low | 4.56 (2/55) | 2.74 (3/54) | 2.85 (4/54) | | 12 |
| 1959 - High | 6.23 | 5.29 | 4.57 | | .77 |
| Low | 5.57 | 4.29 | 4.12 | | .15 |
| 1959 - August | 5.80 | 4.7h | 4.143 | 1.06 | .31 |
| September | n.a. | 5.29 | 4.52 | n.a. | .77 |
| October | n.a. | 5.10 | 4.57 | n.a. | .53 |
| November | 6.23 | 5.07 | 4.56 | 1.16 | .51 |
| December | 6.23 | 5.16 | 4.58 | 1.07 | .58 |

1/ Neither mortgage nor bond yields take into account servicing costs which are much higher for mortgages thun bonds. Generally, bonds pay interest seat-annually; mortgages, monthly. Mortgages yields, if computed as equivalent to a semiannual interest investment, would be slightly higher thun given in the table.

2/ Based on FHA field-office opinions about average bid prices in the private secondary market for new-home mortgages for immediate delivery. Since late 1955, data relate only to 25-year mortgages with downpayments of 10 per cent or more, weighted by probable volume of immediation. Yields computed by FHB, assuming 25-year mortgages are puid off in 12 years. Dashed lines indicate periods of adjustment to changes in the contractual interest rate.

3/ First Entional City Dank of New York. Averages of offering yields of all new issues of publicly-sold bonds and offerings of natural gas and foreign companies) weighted by size of issue. Yields on As and A issues are first adjusted to an Ana basis by the approal between yields of outstanding bonds in these categories and those on ana-rated bonds. The series reDigitized 19/ Hoddy A invitours Service. Hondry averages of daily data. See Exhibit B.

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Exhibit E

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

(In millions of dollars)

| | New capital | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| | Corporate 1/ | | | | ate and loc | al 2/ | |
| | 1960 | 1959 | 1958 | 1960 | 1959 | 1958 | |
| Janua ry Februa ry March | <u>e</u> /700 | 840 745 631 | 728 857 <u>3</u> / | <u>e</u> /700 | 637 857 645 | 812 953 511 | |
| April May June | | 899 791 874 | 1,140 597 887 | | 931 592 982 | 798 895 551 | |
| July August September | | 531 718 709 | 1,107 540 1,114 | | 567 514 468 | 806 403 651 | |
| October November December | | p/826 p/778 e/850 | 862 518 920 | | p/590 p/497 e/450 | 456 474 435 | |
| lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter | | 2,216 2,564 1,958 <u>e</u> /2,454 | 3,139 2,623 2,760 2,300 | | 2,139 2,505 1,549 <u>e</u> /1,537 | 2,276 2,244 1,860 1,365 | |
| lst half Three quarters Year | | 4,780 6,738 g/9,192 | 5,762 8,522 10,823 | | 4,644 6,193 <u>e</u> /7,730 | 4,520 6,380 7,746 | |
| | Excluding | finance co | ompanies 4/ | * | | | |
| lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter | | 2,011 2,409 1,695 <u>e</u> /2,304 | 2,899 2,586 2,731 2,213 | | | | |
| Year | | <u>e</u> /8,419 | 10,429 | | | | |

p/ Preliminary.

e/ Estimated. p/ Preliminary. 1/ Securities and Exchange Commission estimates of net proceeds.

^{2/} Investment Rankers Association of America estimates of principal amounts.
3/ Includes \$718.3 million AT&T convertible debenture issue.
4/ Total new capital issues excluding offerings of sales and consumer finance

companies.

Other Security Offerings 1

Long-term

(In millions of dollars)

| | Long-term | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| | Forei | on governme | | Fe | Federal agency 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 38 | 58 123 74 | 60 1 | == | 220 | 100 | | |
| Year | | 992 | 507 | | 2,321 | 572 | | |
| | - | | Short- | term | | | | |
| | State and | local gover | | | eral agency | 3/ | | |
| | | <u> </u> | | 1 | oraz aganoj | | | |
| January February March | 190 428 295 | 233 460 273 | 326 455 147 | 359 500 489 | 371 208 144 | 638 430 505 | | |
| April May June | 563 411 245 | 357 354 264 | 205 337 153 | 486 675 289 | 209 161 329 | 336 469 501 | | |
| July August September | 246 467 3 99 | 289 423 369 | 272 272 252 | 727 365 665 | 437 206 330 | 224 370 512 | | |
| October November December | 235 343 306 | 231 415 243 | 303 94 459 | 733 471 288 | 454 114 137 | 1,238 255 116 | | |
| Year | 4.127 | 3,910 | 3,274 | 6,0117 | 3,098 | 5,543 | | |

p/ Freliminary.

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

L/ Principally tax and bond anticipation notes, warrants or certificates and Public Digitized for in Rathdrity notes. In some instances Pan notes included may have a somewhat http://frasers.shorten.ch.

I/ Data presented in this exhibit differ from those in Exhibit E in that refunding issues, as well as new upital 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.

Exhibit G

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

Proceeds of Large Issues Offered

(Millions of dollars)

| Month | Corporate | State and local government | Other 2/ |
|--|---|--|---|
| 1958 - December 1959 - January February March April May June July August September October November December | 305 369 340 215 359 342 284 110 363 199 400 421 230 | 229 335 551 369 563 258 635 194 263 214 294 163 | 79 174 35 176 20 50 60 50 98 175 20 |

Large Individual Issues Offered January 1 through 22

| | | | | • ' | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---|------------------------|----------|
| Issuer | Type <u>3</u> / | Amount (millions of dollars) | Maturity | Coupon rate or net inter- est cost | Offering yield | Rating |
| CORPORATE | ę. | | • | | | |
| C.I.T. Financial Corp. Commercial Credit Co. Kansas City Pwr. & Lt. Co. Northern Illinois Gas Co. | Deb. Notes lst mtg. bd Pfd. stk. | | 1980 1980 1990 | 5 1/8 5 1/4 5 | 5.25 5.25 4.95 | Aaa |
| Chesapeake & Potomac Tel. Co. of Maryland Gen. Public Utilities Corp. | Deb. Com. stk. | 25.0 24.5 | 1996 | 5 1/4 | 5.19 | Aaa |
| Gen. Acceptance Corp. Conn. Light & Power Co. | Deb. lst ref.mtg | 15.0 | 1980 1990 | 6 4 7/8 | 6.00 4.94 | Aaa |
| STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT | | | | | | |
| Toledo Sch. Dist., Ohio Seattle, Washington Sity & Co. of San Francisco | G.O. RevUt. | 10.0 | 1961-83 1969-85/7 | | 2.90-3.70 3.50-4.40 | Aa Aa |
| California • | G,0. | 13.6 | 1961-80 | 3.44 2 | 2.85-3.60 <u>4</u> / | Aa |

Large Individual Issues Offered January 1 through 22 (Cont'd)

| 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) | | | | e de la companya de l | | |
| New York State Pwr. Auth. Term Serial State of Maryland Tacoma, Washington State of California Detroit, Michigan Sacramento Unif. S.D.,Cal. State of Washington State of Washington State of Louisiana State of North Carolina | RevUt. G.O. RevUt. G.O. G.O. G.O. RevUt. RevUt. G.O. G.O. | 100.0 13.2 10.0 18.0 10.1 | 2006 1965-79 1963-75 1961-2010/ 1961-85 1961-85 1962-85 1967-77/72 1961-79/70 1961-79 | 4.02 4.10 3.57 3.94 3.65 3.84 | 4.38 3.50-4.00 2.95-3.30 3.50-4.75 3.00-4.00 3.10-4.50 2.95-3.65 ² 3.60-390 3.00-3.70 2.90-3.85 2.75-3.35 | |
| OTHER None | | | | | | |

^{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} per cent of 1980 maturity not reaffered. 5/1/4 per cent of 1985 maturity not reoffered.

Exhibit H

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

Expected Proceeds from Forthcoming Large Issues

| Date of | During month following date shown | | | | bsequent to | |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|----------------------------------|
| computation | Corporate | State and local govt. | Other 2/ | Corporate | State and local govt. | Other |
| 1958 - Dec. 31 1959 - Jan. 30 Feb. 27 Mar. 31 Apr. 30 May 29 June 30 July 31 Aug. 31 Sept. 30 Oct. 30 | 210 270 198 396 246 287 165 238 198 374 385 | 261 551 292 550 254 247 146 356 385 270 | 75 45 20 50 50 50 25 | 370 365 279 476 346 332 272 305 517 694 509 | 515 856 481 761 517 761 500 406 402 470 336 | 75 45 20 50 50 25 |
| Nov. 30 Dec. 31 | 226 210 | 295 445 | 70 30 | 271 280 | 485 545 | 70 30 |

Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of January 22

| Issuer | Type | Amount (millions of dollars) | Approximate date of offering |
|---|--|---|--|
| CORPORATE | | | |
| Southern California Edison Co. Consolidated Natural Gas Co. Duke Power Co. «Duquesne Light Co. Commerce Oil Refining Corp. | Deb. lst & ref.mtg.l Deb. s.F. deb. Deb., bds. & c | 25.0 bds. 50.0 20.0 | Jan. 27 Feb. 9 Feb. 17 Feb. 25 Indefinite |
| STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT | | | |
| *Milwaukee Co., Wisc. New York, New York Washington Sub. Sanit. Dist., Md. Public Housing Authorities *Fallas, Texas *St. Louis, Missouri *Ventura Port Dist., Calif. | G.O. G.O. G.O. G.O. G.O. RevUt. | 12.5 22.0 10.0 102.8 18.0 12.4 10.0 | Feb. 2 Feb. 4 Feb. 9 Feb. 9 Feb. 15 Feb. 17 |
| OTHER | | | |
| *Federal National Mortgage Assoc. Montreal Metropolitan Corp., Canada Province of New Brunswick, Canada | Deb. S.F. deb. S.F. deb. | 100.0 30.0 15.0 | Jan. 26 Feb. 2 Feb. 2 |

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Footnotes

*--Included in table for first time.

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.

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

| • | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| | Aa-rated o | ffering yields | | A-rated offering yields | | | |
| Date | Actual (per cent) | Amount above seasoned yiel (basis point | ds Actual | Amount above seasoned yields (basis points) | | | |
| 1952 - 1958 High Low | 5.00 (9/14, 2.93 (3/31, | | 5.50 (11/7 3.00 (3/17 | /57) 123 /54) - 15 | | | |
| 1959 - January February March April May June July 9 10 | 4.63 *4.35 ² / 4.43 ² / 4.58 ² / 4.97 *4.95 | 37 4 10 17 37 29 | *4.75 ² / *4.67 5.01 ₃ / 5.10 | 23 18 25 15 19 | | | |
| 15 30 Aug. 5 20 Sept. 18 Oct. 22 | 4.85 4.80 | 214 22 146 | 5.10 5.00 5.65 | 19 13 60 | | | |
| 23 28 29 30 Nov. 25 Dec. 8 9 | 1.952/ 5.15 5.15 5.08 5.30 | 16 40 42 42 63 | 5.45 5.40 5.45 | 35 50 51 50 | | | |
| 1960 - Jan. 7 | | | 5.302/ | 28 | | | |

^{*--}Single observation, not an average.

issue may not be called for refunding at a lower coupon rate.

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^{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. Nonthly averages so marked include one or more issues with such a provision. Other issues have no such provision.
3/ Includes one issue which provides for a 7-year period during which the

Part II - Canada

For the second consecutive week, Treasury bill yields eased further in Canada at Thursday's tender. By contrast, there was virtually no change in yields on the whole range of Government bonds from the 3's of December 1960 to the 3-3/4's of March 1998. Press reports indicate that several small private issues in Canada this month have had a sluggish reception. Last week, the Governor of the Bank of Canada warned Canadian local governments about the risks they incur in borrowing in foreign currencies.

Money market conditions. The yield on the short Treasury bill declined 16 basis points at last week's auction from 4.82 per cent to 4.65 per cent and the 6-month bill yield dropped by 7 basis points. The chartered banks have been substantial buyers of bills at the last three auctions and the public also added to its holdings last week. Day-to-day money closed at 3.50 per cent compared to 3.60 per cent last week.

The banks are in a much easier liquidity position than they were a few weeks ago. Their improved cash and liquid asset positions have contributed to the recent declines in money market rates. On January 20, for example, their cash ratio (cumulative for the month of Jamuary) was 8-4 per cent and their liquid assets ratio was at 17.3 per cent. (See Table.)

A slight interest incentive in Canadian bills compared to United States short bills became apparent last week. Canadian short bill was 0.39 per cent above the U.S. bill rate (a composite market yield at close of business on Thursday) and the discount on the 3-months Canadian dollar was only 0.2h per cent

Bond market developments. The continued easing in money market conditions last week was not in evidence in the Government bond market. On the contrary, bond yields moved only fractionally and as many issues drifted downward in price as moved upward. At midweek, spreads between comparable Canadian and United States Treasury bonds were (figures in parenthesis refer to the previous week):

0.39 per cent on a 91-day bill (0.31) 0.39 per cent on a 182-day bill (0.33) 0.60 per cent on an 8-year bond (0.65) 0.97 per cent on a 20-year bond (1.00) 1.11 per cent on a 35-year bond (1.08)

Two Canadian local government issues are scheduled to be offered in New York either this week or early in February. They are

a \$30 million debenture of the Montreal Metropolitan Corporation and a \$15 million offering of the Province of New Brunswick.

In a speech on Jamuary 18, Governor Coyne criticized Canadian provinces and municipalities for borrowing so steadily in the New York market because it "is a gamble on the exchange rate, not a sober judgment" and added "it is difficult to see how this can be considered sound finance."

Stock markets. Canadian stock prices eased slightly during the past week. At midweek, the Montreal industrial average was at 310 compared to 314 a week earlier.

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| <u>Date</u> | 3-month Treasury bills1 | Inter- mediate Govt. bond ² | Long- term Govt, bond3/ | Spread b Canadian & 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. 30 Jan. 6 13 20 | 5.12 5.14 4.82 4.66 | 5.37 5.46 5.55 5.43 | 5.30 5.37 5.42 5.41 | 0.96 0.88 1.02 0.97 | 0.72 0.51 0.31 0.39 | 0.91 0.72 0.36 0.24 |

1/ Average yield at weekly tender on Thursday.

2/ Government of Canada 2-3/4 per cent of June 15, 1967-68.
3/ Government of Canada 3-1/4 per cent of 1979.

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

5/ Spread between Canadian auction rate and composite market yield for the

U.S. bill on the close of business on Thursday.

6/ Spread between 3-months forward and spot price of the Canadian dollar, expressed as per cent per annum, on Thursday.

Money Market Statistics

| <u>Date</u> | Bank of Canada Advances to banks plus securities held on resale agreement (\$ million) | Charte Cash ratio1/ | red banks Day-to-day loans2/ | 3-month Treasury bills Auction Amount rate3/ sold4/ (\$ million) | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1959-July 29 Aug. 26 Sept. 30 Oct. 28 Nov. 25 Dec. 30 1960-Jan. 20 | 20 | 8.1 8.2 8.3 8.3 8.3 8.2 8.4 | 5.50 5.00 4.50 4.50 4.00 4.00 3.50 | 5.47 5.33 5.50 5.02 4.86 5.12 4.66 | 155 95 115 125 120 120 | |

1/ Statutory basis. Average of month to date.

2/ Closing rate for date shown.

3/ Thursday tender following Wednesday shown.

I/ Includes sales of 6-month bills.

Source: Bank of Canada, Statistical Summary.