Bank Loan Interest Ruling Would Narrow Rates Scale

OTTAWA (CP)—Any restriction on bank-loan interest rates will narrow the range of rates that can be offered prospective borrowers, the Commons committee on finance, trade and economics was told.

The committee was continuing its questioning of officials of the Canadian Bankers' Association on the government's bill to amend the Bank Act.

S. T. Paton, CBA president, told committee members the interest formula the revised act would allow means the chartered banks would be able to put in a range of rates—lower for those taking out well-secured loans and higher for loans where risks are higher.

But he said the range would be narrower than it should be because of the ceiling.

The current ceiling on bank interest rates is six per cent.

The revised bill would put into effect a formula based on interest paid on short-term bonds. If applied at current rates, the formula would allow the banks to charge interest up to about 7¼ per cent.

Marcel Lambert (PC — Edmonton West) asked whether such a change would be a meaningful one for the banks, which have asked that the ceiling be removed entirely.

Mr. Paton said "not as meaningful as we'd like to see."

"There is a form of rationing in our lending ability at this time," he said, and this would continue unless the ceiling was removed entirely and interest rates were determined by free competition in the money market. Any amelioration would be a help.

Mr. Lambert said there must be some sort of income gradation between zero interest rate at all and a workable ceiling where the CBA and the committee could find agreement.

Colin Cameron (NDP — Nanaimo - Cowichan - The Islands) objected to this. The committee wasn't meeting to bargain. It was there to legislate and once a bill was passed "the banks will damn well stick to it."

Plumping for removal of the interest ceiling, Mr. Paton, vice-president and chief general manager of the Toronto-Dominion Bank, said freedom of interest rates would bring reduced average costs of borrowing money.

Howard Johnston (SC—Okanagan - Revelstoke) asked whether an increase in permissible interest rates would contribute to the inflationary spiral.

Mr. Paton said this was difficult to "answer yes or no."

ON THE AIR

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3:30 p.m.—Edge of Night
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3:00 p.m.—Take Thirty
3:30 p.m.—Edge of Night
4:00 p.m.—Communicate
4:30 p.m.—Zorro
5:00 p.m.—Funtime
5:30 p.m.—Music Hop
6:00 p.m.—Supper Club
6:15 p.m.—LTV News
6:25 p.m.—LTV Weather
6:30 p.m.—LTV Sports
6:35 p.m.—Supper Club
7:00 p.m.—Thursday Night At The Movies—Carry On Regardless
9:00 p.m.—Man From UNCLE
0:00 p.m.—Telescope
0:30 p.m.—Hogan's Heroes
1:00 p.m.—The Hawk
2:00 p.m.—CBC National News
2:20 a.m.—Viewpoint
2:25 a.m.—LTV News
2:35 a.m.—Sign Off

CFCY RADIO

THURSDAY

6:30—News and Weather
6:35—Morning Roundup
6:45—Island Wr. and Mar. Temp.
6:46—Morning Roundup
6:55—News and Weather
7:00—Hebrew Christian Hour
7:15—Morning Roundup
7:30—News and Weather
7:35—Farm Report
7:35—Farm Report
7:41—Morning Roundup
7:45—Island Wr. and Mar. Temp.
7:46—Morning Roundup
7:56—Sports Capsule and Scoreboard
8:00—News
8:55—Weather
8:16—Morning Roundup
8:45—Weather
9:10—Notes and Music
9:15—Assignment
0:00—News and Weather
0:05—Notes and Music
0:30—Preview Commentary
0:35—Notes and Music
1:00—News and Weather
1:05—News and Views on Groceries
1:20—Notes and Music
1:30—Notes and Music
1:45—Town and Country Time
2:00—News and Weather
2:05—Mostly Music
2:30—Assignment
2:35—Mostly Music
2:58—Thought For Today
3:00—News Headlines and Weather
3:30—Pop Caravan
4:00—News Headlines and Weather
4:03—Canadian Roundup—CBC
4:40—Pop Caravan
5:00—News and Weather
5:05—The Outports
5:25 20—Marine Weather
5:28—The Outports
5:45—Sports Capsule and Scoreboard
5:50—The Outports
6:00—News and Weather
6:10—Tonight's Music
6:35—Tonight's Music
6:50—Business Barometer
7:00—Back To The Bible
7:30—News and Weather
8:00—Chris In Concert—CBC
8:30—Music Diary—CBC
9:00—Symphony Orchestra
10:00—CBC Nat. News, on Par. H and Speaking Personally—CBC
10:15—Today's Editorial and Speaking Personally
10:30—Starlight Serenade
11:00—News and Weather
11:35—Starlight Serenade
11:45—Bulletin Board
11:50—Notes and Music
11:55—Agriculture '66
12:00—Weather
12:05—Town and Country Time
12:15—6:30—News and Music—CBC
12:30—News and Weather
12:43—P.E.I. Road Report
12:45—Town and Country Time
1:00—News and Weather
1:15—Gordie Tapp Show—CBC

CBA RADIO

THURSDAY

6:00—The Morning Show Part 1
7:00—CBC News
7:03—Inland Weather, Sports Scores
7:06—Music
7:27—Inland Weather, Sports Scores
7:30—Lift Up Your Hearts
7:40—Music
7:45—It Happened Today
7:46—Music
8:00—CBC News
8:12—Regional Weather
8:16—Maritime Sportscast
8:21—Music
8:45—The Max Ferguson Show
9:00—CBC News
9:10—Preview Commentary
9:15—The Gordie Tapp Show
9:45—A.M. Chronicle
10:45—Playroom
10:58—Assignment
11:00—CBC News
11:03—Joan Marshall
11:5—Assignment—Consumers
11:20—Hints To The Homemaker
11:30—Al Foster Show
11:55—Assignment
12:03—Jamboree Junction
12:30—Maritime Farm B'cast
1:00—CBC News
1:15—John Drainie Tell's A Story
1:30—Reg. Gibson Balladeer
1:54—Assignment
1:59—DO Time Signal
2:00—Atlantic School B'cast Old Favorites
2:15—Atlantic School B'cast Adventures In Song
2:30—Matinee With Pat Patterson Part 1
3:00—CBC News
3:03—Matinee With Pat Patterson Part 2
3:30—Divertimento
4:00—CBC News
4:03—Canadian Roundup
4:10—Music In The Air
4:30—Assignment
4:35—Music In The Air
5:00—CBC News
5:03—Maritime Fish B'cast
5:35—Assignment
5:40—CBC Notebook
6:00—The World At Six
6:30—Inland Weather
6:30—Inland Weather
6:33—The Swingers
7:00—CBC News
703—Music In The Evening
730—The Trains
8:00—CBC News
8:03—Music Diary
8:08—Choirs In Concert
9:00—Concerts For Two Worlds
10:00—CBC National News and From The Capitals
10:15—Five Nights A Week At This Time
10:30—Anthology
11:00—CBC News
11:03—Labour Pains
12:00—CBC News
12:02—Sports Scores and Inland and Marine Weather
12:15—Music In The Night
1:00—CBC National News
1:30—Music Only

Tough Course Suggested To Help Keep Prices Down

OTTAWA (CP) — The Economic Council of Canada has set a complex and politically difficult course for the federal government to keep prices down.

With its third annual review issued here, the council rules out any solutions as simple as wage and price guidelines.

It puts specific blame on government—but not on business or labor—for shaping the current mild brand of inflation, and counsels a more far-sighted approach to public spending, taxation and credit control.

The council sets out an array of competitive pressures that make for a flexible determination of prices. It credits free collective bargaining with "a high degree of sensitivity."

The job of government in keeping prices stable without pushing unemployment up lies in a better mix of its main policy levers—fiscal and monetary policy, says the report.

MUST IMPROVE SUPPLY

The mix must concentrate on improving the supply of goods and services, rather than on dampening the demand for goods and services.

The council's key recommendations in this area:

—Find better means to spot and solve economic bottlenecks before they show up in spiralling prices.

—Gear public construction spending to take up slack when it exists, but to taper off when the industry is overworked.

—Improve existing programs aimed at manpower training, productivity improvement, industrial research and innovation.

—Promote higher productivity in agriculture and cost-cutting in the processing, packaging and distribution of food.

The council's study of costs and prices, occupying a central place in the 110,000-word review, has been under way for 20 months.

The council expresses concern about the performance of the volatile construction industry.

Provincial and federal governments had tended to feed its contribution to inflation by overbuilding at a time when the industry was strained by demands of the private sector of the economy.

The big-lever fiscal and monetary policies had generally, been "too closely geared to relatively minor, short-trm fluctuations."

TRENDS SET

Governments have inadvertently set national trends in wage bargaining through large contract settlements with their employees, says the review.

They should keep thir pay scals closely in line with industrial wages and clearly explain themselves when they grant large settlements to "meet particular needs, to remove inequities or to remedy disparitis with the private sector."

Wage and price guidelines, setting voluntary limits for annual increases, are rejected after study of their use in the United States, Britain, Franc, Sweden and The Netherlands.

Once an economy is booming, says the council, price and wage increases inevitably tend to break through any guidelines.

This kind of incomes policy, in any case, treated symptoms but not causes of price and cost increases, which were deep-lying forces of demand not met by supply.

U.S. Carriers To Help Train Canadian Crews

OTTAWA (CP) — The defence department is relying on the United States Navy to help provide aircraft - carrier training for the crews of Canadian anti-submarine planes for the next year.

The Bonaventure, Canada's sole carrier, will be in drydock until next fall, five months longer than originally estimated, for major repairs costing at least $11,00,000.

A detachment of six navy Tracker planes and two helicopters exercised from the U.S. carrier Wasp in the Atlantic in late September and, officials said Monday, it is expected that three more similar detachments will have worked out on U.S. carriers by next fall.

The navy has one 24-plane squadron of Trackers. Normally, 12 of these planes operate from the Bonaventure while the other 12 operate out of the land base at Shearwater, near Halifax.

Plans have already been made for Canadian planes to join temporarily a U.S. carrier off the west coast early next year.

Officials emphasized that Canadian aircraft won't operate off any American carrier en route to Viet Nam.

At the moment, officials said, there is some uncertainty whether there will be enough trained sailors to man the Bonaventure when she is fit for sea again.

It is doubtful, they adde that the U.S. Navy would be willing to keep training Canadian naval airmen indefinitely.

STUDENTS GO HOME

BUDAPEST (AP) — Five Chinese students, expelled from Hungary, left for home Sunday night, Chinese sources in Budapest said Monday. The government informed the Chinese Embassy Oct. 17 that the five students would no longer be allowed to continue their studies in Hungary and must leave a student hostel by Nov. 6. The students moved to the Chinese Embassy compound for two weeks.

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT

ACROSS

1. Covers with asphalt
6. Eyeglasses colloq.
11. Biblical name
12. Part of a flower
13. Regret
14. Conscious
15. Haul
16. Repeat: music
17. Exist
18. Student at a well-known Eng. college
21. Fruit of the rose
22. Behave
23. Languish
24. Stock owner
28. Frigid
29. Epoch
30. Man's name
31. Babble
35. Esker
36. Owns
37. By what means
38. Tanker
40. Living
42. Web-footed birds
43. Railroad car
44. Expunge
45. Feats

DOWN

1. Adhesive mixture
2. Around
3. Zodiac sign
4. Ever: poet.
5. Cunning
6. European country
7. Bench-like seats
8. Greek letter
9. Rifle
10. An unexpected success
11. Member of the beach scene
19. Moor grass
20. Frost
21. Concealed
23. Parcel of land
24. Dickens' character
26. Indiana native
26. Pert. to malt drink
27. Early Eng. money
31. Gay French capital
32. Biblical pronoun
33. Cherished
34. Pitchers
36. Well-known Nazi
39. Meadow
40. Affix
41. Falsehood

Yesterday's Answer

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X E
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

C D S V C N Q S P P "G L A K L N J J" R J
V D N N W Q D S I K N A B A I N I F R J S I Q N
B A L S I A V D N L I F R J S I Q N.—N P P R J

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: TO BE BORED BY ESSENTIALS IS CHARACTERISTIC OF SMALL MINDS.—E. JOHNSON

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By S. JAY BECKER

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 75
♥ QJ4
♦ A85
♣ KJ983

WEST
♠ AQ93
♥ 9
♦ QJ94
♣ 10752

EAST
♠ 108642
♥ K865
♦ K102
♣ 4

SOUTH
♠ KJ
♥ A10732
♦ 763
♣ AQ6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥			

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

A first- rate declarer takes every possibility into consideration. Delicate refinements of play do occasionally arise in bridge, and the mark of the fine declarer is that he manages to apply them to the task at hand.

South was in four hearts and West led a diamond. Declarer won with the ace and finessed the queen of hearts. West playing the nine. He then led the jack, covered by the king and ace. West showing out.

Declarer now had the 10-7-3 and East the 8-6. In order to avoid a trump loser, South led a low club to the jack and returned the four of hearts. When East played the six, South finessed the seven and then drew East's last trump with the ten.

Everything would have been fine except that when declarer now led the ace of clubs, East showed out and there was then no way to run the entire club suit. West' remaining 10-7 blocked the suit.

So declarer led the queen and took it with the king in order to lead a spade from dummy. This play came to naught because West had the A-Q, and South went down one.

Despite this, declarer should have made the hand. He failed to give himself the maximum chance of making the hand. After the trump situation became exposed, he should have realized that a 4-1 club break could defeat him and he should have taken measures to guard against that possibility.

Instead of leading the six of clubs to the jack, he should have led the queen to the king. Then, having drawn East's trumps, he would cash the ace of clubs When East showed out, making five club tricks would have become a simple matter and South would have made eleven tricks instead of nine.

The queen is led to the king, not in order to display a wealth of resources, nor for historic effect, but for a legitimate purpose.

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