

1884

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS.

OF THE

Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto.

The Directors have pleasure in presenting, to the Stockholders, their Report of the operations of the Company during the past year.

The continued progress of the Company's business having rendered it necessary to increase the storage requirements at the works, a double lift Telescopic Gas Holder, to contain 340,000 cubic feet and upwards, has been erected in the place of an old single lift, one of less than half that capacity. This work was commenced in June last and fully and satisfactorily completed, within the period limited by the contract, on the 15th instant, under the supervision of the Company's officers. The contractors for the holder were the "Stacey Manufacturing Co.," of Cincinnati, and for the Suspension Frame, Messrs. Rice Lewis & Son of Toronto. Amongst other extensions and improvements made during the year were the following:—

An additional Tar Storage Tank, a Railway Siding into the works with Track Scales and Turn Table, a Coal Elevator worked by a Gas Engine, and a Hunt's Automatic Railway and Coal deliverer. The latter improvements, just completed, will save the cartage on nearly the whole of the coal, besides effecting a considerable reduction in the cost of labor.

5,301 yards of larger mains have been substituted for smaller ones. 12,280 yards of new mains have been laid, and 755 new services put in.

The demand for Gas Cooking Stoves, and Engines, has continued to increase.

The ten years contract, between the Company and the Corporation of the City of Toronto, having expired on 15th May last, a new one has been entered into, for a period of five years from that date.

At the last Session of the Dominion Legislature, the standard for the illuminating power of gas was raised by Statute from 12 to 16 candles, or as high as the legal standard required of the City of London, England. Since the passing of this Act, the gas of this Company has never been as low as 17 candles, and the stringent requirements of the Act, as to purity, have been fully complied with. Certificates to this effect, by the Government Inspector, are kept regularly posted throughout the year in the Company's office, in accordance with the Statute.

The following statement compared with that of the preceding year shows:—

	Street Lamps.	Consumers.	Gas Rental.
For the year ending 30th Sept., 1884.	2,375	6,088	\$328,663.39
" " " 1883.	2,466	5,386	\$321,627.23
Or a decrease of	91	Or an increase of	702
		Or an increase of \$	7,036.16

In view of the reduction of 12 cents, per thousand on all gas sold for illuminating purposes since 1st January last, the above statement cannot be otherwise than gratifying to the Stockholders.

The Works continue as usual to be maintained in the highest state of efficiency.

The Secretary and Officers of the Company have performed their duties faithfully and energetically to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

27th Oct., 1884.

J. AUSTIN,
President.