

### GENERAL MANAGER KIDD OF B. C. ELECTRIC COMMENDED IN ANNUAL REPORT.

The nineteenth ordinary general meeting of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, was held in London on December 30, 1915. Mr. Harold G. Brown, director, read the speech of the chairman, who was absent. He narrated the effects of the war on the earnings of the company, the competition of the "jitney bus," and expressed the opinion that the worst was past in the affairs of the company.

The management in British Columbia was paid a tribute when Mr. Brown moved:—

"That the best thanks of the meeting be given to the general manager, officers and staff in British Columbia for their untiring services in the performance of their very arduous duties." He said that if ever there was a year in the history of the company in which the local management had earned the gratitude and thanks of the stockholders, it was the year through which they had just passed and the one in which they were now engaged. The task of a general manager who had to economize in every possible way was not only difficult, but must be extremely disagreeable. He had to dispense with the services of men who had been in the company's employ for many years in order to cut down expenses and salaries; he had to meet the demands of the local authorities and the population of the district which the company served, and with continuous negatives had to refuse to consider things which in the ordinary way they would probably undertake as a matter of course. That was not only disagreeable, but it was calculated to make a general manager, unless he were very tactful, most unpopular. He thought they could say without any doubt that Mr. Kidd had faced that most disagreeable duty in a very efficient manner, and he had managed in a way which had avoided bringing upon him the unpopularity and odium which might very well have attached to him under the circumstances. He was supported in British Columbia by a very efficient, though now comparatively small, staff, and although the expenses had been very largely reduced he was quite sure that there was no question at all that the efficiency of the company's management in British Columbia had been, if anything, increased.

Mr. Harvey seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

There have been several changes in the staff appointments of the Imperial Bank in British Columbia. Mr. A. R. Green, manager of the Hastings and Abbott Street branch, has been moved to the managership at Victoria. He is succeeded by Mr. A. H. Weaver, accountant of the main office in Vancouver. Mr. J. M. Lay, manager at Victoria, becomes acting manager at Vancouver. Mr. A. Jukes, who is in the East recovering from a severe illness, still retains the position of manager at Vancouver. Mr. W. A. Wright, who through the prolonged illness of Mr. Jukes has taken charge of the Vancouver business, goes to the Brandon branch as manager.

Mr. F. W. Rounsefell, of Ceperley, Rounsefell & Co., has returned from a business trip to Toronto and Montreal, where he reports business as thriving.

### EXPORTS FROM B. C. TO UNITED STATES IN 1915.

Returns made to the office of the American Consulate-General at Vancouver show the following comparative exports for 1914 and 1915:—

	1914	1915
Exports from Vancouver consular district .....	\$17,763,487	\$31,847,429
Exports through port of Vancouver .....	14,393,827	26,340,473
Lumber shipments to U. S. A. through port .....	791,772	1,711,498
Logs shipped from Vancouver .....	480,927	895,344
Shingles shipped from Vancouver .....	2,374,151	3,790,763

The following comparative statement shows the returns from each consular district:—

	1914	1915
<b>Fernie—</b>		
Canadian goods .....	\$ 1,655,992	\$ 1,957,993
American ret. goods .....	220,162	38,383
	\$ 1,876,154	\$ 1,996,376
<b>Prince Rupert—</b>		
Canadian goods .....	\$ 112,266	\$ 1,284,783
American ret. goods .....	13,298	33,149
	\$ 125,564	\$ 1,317,932
Note—This agency was only opened October 28.		
<b>Vancouver—</b>		
American goods .....	\$12,794,660	\$25,157,355
American ret. goods .....	1,599,167	1,183,118
	\$14,393,827	\$26,340,473
<b>Victoria—</b>		
Canadian goods .....	\$ 55,718	\$ 665,732
American ret. goods .....	105,166	113,466
	\$ 160,884	\$ 779,198
Nanaimo .....	\$ 768,272	\$ 1,116,810
Cumberland .....	257,962	105,021
	\$ 1,187,118	\$ 2,001,029
Whitehorse .....	\$ 180,824	\$ 191,619
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$17,763,487</b>	<b>\$31,847,429</b>

That the greatest proportion of the export trade is done through the port of Vancouver is shown by the statement printed below, covering the shipments of principal products:—

	1914	1915
Animals and animal products .....	\$ 927,208	\$ 574,265
Building materials .....	84,200	70,374
Bullion .....	1,988,874	2,774,660
Fish .....	635,432	567,172
Household goods .....	282,970	285,631
Ore .....	2,427,135	9,787,686
Provisions .....	445,492	412,489
Wood manufactures .....	5,642,951	7,711,210
Other goods .....	360,398	2,973,868
	\$12,794,660	\$25,157,355
Ret. American goods .....	1,599,167	1,183,118
	\$14,393,827	\$26,340,473

The following statement is an analysis of the exports of forest products through the port of Vancouver:—

	1914	1915
<b>Wood Products—</b>		
Lumber .....	\$ 791,772	\$ 1,711,498
Logs .....	480,927	895,344
Paper .....	1,619,095	1,015,030
Poles and piling .....	125,035	79,040
Pulp .....	235,971	203,620
Shingles .....	2,374,151	3,790,763
Shingle bolts .....	6,634	15,915
Miscellaneous .....	9,366	.....
	\$ 5,642,951	\$ 7,711,210

The Toronto General Trusts Corporation has established a branch in Vancouver, with offices in the Bank of Ottawa Building, Seymour Street. Mr. Frank M. Pratt, who has been agent of the company in this Province for several years, is manager.