

Mr. FULTON: I notice that Mr. Gordon made a statement on this last year, an explanation of what it was, at page 153, so I would move that the report be carried.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Fulton moves, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, (*York West*) that the report be carried.

Now, I think we should go to the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, Limited. If you have that report for 1955 before you, I will ask Mr. Gordon to read the report.

Mr. GORDON: Mr. Chairman and members, first I shall read for the record the letter of transmittal.

CANADIAN NATIONAL ((WEST INDIES) STEAMSHIPS, LIMITED
Donald Gordon, President—J. A. Sauve, General Manager

MONTREAL, February 24, 1956

The Honourable George C. Marler, M.P.,
Minister of Transport,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith, on behalf of the Board of Directors, is a report on the operations of Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, Limited for the year ended December 31, 1955.

The devoted service of the company's officers and employees is again recorded with appreciation.

Yours truly,

DONALD GORDON.

ANNUAL REPORT 1955

The operating revenues of Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, Limited were 17% higher in 1955 than in the preceding year. Operating expenses, on the other hand, increased only 11%. Consequently, the operating loss was reduced by \$270,822 from 1954.

In addition to the improvement in operating position, there was a reduction of \$207,771 in interest charges arising out of the refunding of the company's outstanding bond issue which matured during the year, and a non-recurrent profit of \$53,853 realized from the liquidation of security holdings in the course of this refinancing.

As a result, the deficit for the year 1955 was reduced to \$95,964—\$532,446 less than in 1954.

The following statement is a summary of the Income Account in comparative form:

	1955	1954
Operating revenues	\$5,946,605	\$5,105,082
Operating expenses	5,995,684	5,424,983
Operating loss	\$ 49,079	\$ 319,901
Net interest expense	100,738	308,509
Net deficit from operations	\$ 149,817	\$ 628,410
Profit from liquidation of vessel replacement fund securities	53,853	—
Deficit	\$ 95,964	\$ 628,410