

CORPORATION FINANCE

**Canadian Pacific Railway Gross and Net Earnings Made
Record Showing in October—Barcelona Traction
Results Not Quite So Favorable**

Barcelona Traction, Light and Power Company.—While net earnings in October increased satisfactorily over the figure of a year ago, the result did not mark up to previous exhibits. Figures since the beginning of the company's fiscal year illustrate this:—

	Gross (Peset.).	Net (Peset.).	Net inc. (Peset.).
March	2,533,815	1,695,141	754,489
April	2,676,592	1,767,913	782,874
May	2,647,592	1,767,311	628,785
June	2,523,998	1,618,187	488,939
July	2,542,202	1,570,414	451,773
August	2,715,020	1,716,904	463,834
September	2,910,418	1,945,823	793,844
October	2,795,106	1,831,392	520,795

Anglo-British Columbia Packing Company, Ltd.—At the annual meeting of the company in London, England, recently a good deal of criticism was voiced at the policy of the British Ministry of Food, which had been eventually left with 300,000 cases of pinks purchased by them at high prices, which they could not dispose of. These stocks were carried until last spring and summer, when they were thrown on the market at very low prices, making it impracticable not only for remaining stocks of pinks of the 1919 pack in other hands to be sold at a reasonable price, but even to bring over any of the 1920 pack at all until the market could recover. The company's 1920 pack had amounted to over 255,000 cases, and could have been further increased if they had cared to pack more second-grade fish, which, under the circumstances, was obviously inadvisable. Market conditions had not improved since the end of the company's financial year, and in the United States particularly buyers had been very badly hit by the recent heavy decline in sugar and other commodities.

In commenting on the reports for the period ended June 30, 1920, the chairman stated that as the result of a consistently conservative policy in the past, the company was in strong financial position, and better able to carry on through these difficult times than many of their weaker competitors.

Canadian Pacific Railway Company.—Net earnings of the company during October, 1920, showed an increase of \$2,353,040, as compared with the same month last year, and \$3,792,168, as compared with the September figure. This fine result reflects a heavy increase in traffic, due to the crop movement, but an influential factor which must be considered is the increased rates granted to the Canadian railways.

Gross and net earnings in October during the past ten years shows the following conditions:—

October.	Gross.	Net.
1920	\$24,800,632	\$7,700,822
1919	18,296,652	5,347,781
1918	15,682,780	5,085,835
1917	14,733,774	5,054,701
1916	13,237,086	5,674,739
1915	14,443,214	6,579,434
1914	9,282,928	3,321,328
1913	14,480,206	5,602,858
1912	31,060,397	5,060,887
1911	11,207,991	4,681,104

The figures for the ten months reveal less satisfactory results. Of course, it could hardly be expected that the result of one good month would be sufficient to offset the detrimental results of the previous months. The ratio of operating costs to gross earnings in the ten-monthly period this year was 84.4 per cent., against some 80 per cent. in

1919. The ten months' gross and net figures since 1911 are as follows:—

Ten months.	Gross.	Net.
1920	\$172,238,035	\$26,857,961
1919	142,536,626	28,401,051
1918	126,763,755	28,292,903
1917	124,127,290	37,376,847
1916	113,900,875	39,891,110
1915	83,340,289	31,468,501
1914	94,965,464	29,944,471
1913	115,934,317	37,211,092
1912	109,697,419	37,305,286
1911	89,720,951	30,460,424

Brazilian Traction, Light and Power Company.—Despite the fact that operating expenses were higher than in any previous month this year, net earnings for October established a new record. This was due to the fine showing made by gross. The following figures give the monthly gross and net for the ten months of the current year, together with the increase of net over last year:—

	Gross (Milreis).	Net (Milreis).	Net inc. (Milreis).
1920.			
January	9,655,000	5,101,000	827,000
February	9,381,000	4,984,000	1,120,000
March	9,900,000	5,310,000	297,000
April	10,245,000	5,595,000	499,000
May	10,985,000	6,262,000	1,045,000
June	10,874,000	5,796,000	919,000
July	11,745,000	6,118,000	729,000
August	11,837,000	6,152,000	1,267,000
September	12,043,000	6,217,000	1,208,000
October	13,442,000	6,940,000	1,977,000

Famous Players Canadian Corporation.—Earnings in excess of prospectus estimates, a strongly liquid position and satisfactory progress with the corporation's proposed construction program will be features of the first annual report. The report will cover the twelve months ended August 28th, 1920, and, therefore, six months of the period since public issue by Royal Securities Corporation of Famous Players Corporation 8 per cent. first preferred shares.

It is understood that net profits will be considerably in excess of prospective estimates at the time of issue of the preferred shares. They will exceed \$250,000. The fact that the motion picture business is a non-inventory business, and the holding by the corporation of a large cash reserve for use in its construction program, will be reflected in net current assets at the end of the year's operations of over \$2,500,000.

The corporation's program of a chain of large motion picture theatres from coast to coast is well on the way to realization. The present schedule calls for the opening of seven new theatres in leading Canadian cities before June, 1921.

Arena Gardens, Ltd.—On November 9 the Toronto General Trust Corporation was notified by the company that it intended to cease carrying on business, and did not intend to resume it on account of its financial position. On the request of Wm. Lyall, a bondholder to the extent of \$19,900, the Toronto General Trust Company named Chas. E. Robin as receiver. On November 20 Justice Middleton confirmed this appointment, naming him as receiver until a permanent receiver is appointed at the trial.

It is stated by the Toronto General Trust Company that in June, 1917, the bondholders temporarily waived the payment of interest on the bonds for four half-yearly periods, commencing in September, 1917, and ending March, 1919. In the event of a receiver being appointed, the interest on these bonds for that period would become payable.

The present situation was described as one of "no prosperity, but wonderful prospects," by John Moody in an address before the Toronto Board of Trade on December 1.