to the lower price of silver the total earnings were somewhat less than last year. The company has acquired a majority interest in the Caribou Cobalt Mines Company, which controls 70 acres adjoining the Kerr Lake property.

The total ounces of silver in the ore reserves estimated by Manager Livermore are 4,172,400. He says the prospects of opening new ore do not seem at the present time bright, as the lake bottom has been explored, and the blocks remaining unexplored are all small. Developments in the diabase and Keewatin formations in the south half of the property have so far not been encouraging, since only small patches of ore on the Keewatin and No. 21 veins have been found. Nevertheless, the Keewatin vein is strong and regular, and it is hoped that further developments both in sinking and raising will open other ore.

Mr. Westlake, the treasurer of the company, reports there was included in development expense the sum of $18,049, expended in connection with Kerr Lake--Crown Reserve drainage account, leaving a balance of $27,900 in the drainage account, as at August 31st, 1915. There has also been written off against the cost of property acquired in connection with the lake drainage, the sum of $24,589. The Kerr Lake Mining Company purchased 837,400 shares of the Caribou Cobalt Mines Company (out of a total of 1,000,000 shares) for $50,000. The total amount of dividends paid by the company to August 31st, 1915, is $5,820,000.

Canadian Western Flour Mills.—The annual statement of the Canadian Western Flour Mills shows profits for the year ended August 31st, 1915, amounting to $340,063, an increase over the previous year of $24,817 and an increase over 1913 of $56,770. After meeting fixed charges amounting to $96,865, the company earned 11.5 per cent. on its common stock, which totals $2,124,700. This compares with slightly under 11 per cent. a year ago.

The profit and loss accounts for two years compare as follows:—

	1915.	1914.
Profits	$340,063	$315,246
Bond interest	96,865	100,470
Balance	$243,198	$214,776
Dividends	169,976	157,482
Balance	$ 73,222	$ 57,294
Previous balance	502,262	444,969
Total balance	$575,484	$502,262

Assets of the company are less than a year ago by $332,651.

Hewson's Pure Wool Textiles, Limited.—A committee of bondholders of this company, consisting of Dr. C. MacQueen Avard, Messrs. Jas. Brignell, H. L. Hewson, E. F. Stevens and W. H. Wetherby, has made the following recommendations:—

That holders of bonds immediately deposit same with the Eastern Trust Company of Halifax, N.S., depository for your committee. Against such deposits will be issued receipts under the agreement as per copy herewith enclosed, the original of which is lodged with the trust company.

There are outstanding claims amounting to about $40,000, the greater part of which is due to the Bank of Nova Scotia, and for which they hold hypothecated treasury bonds for $150,000 as security. It is this liability of $40,000 that is now pressing and that must be provided for in some way.

The committee are of the opinion that if a substantial majority of the bonds are deposited, and there is a general willingness to contribute towards new capital, there can be secured from the court a stay of proceedings before October 14th, in order to give time to frame proposals and present them to the next meeting, when sale, lease or reorganization are among the possibilities that may be considered. In any case, only the unanimous consent and action of the bondholders will accomplish the result aimed at.

In the event of reorganization, a further amount of about $160,000 for new working capital will be necessary. It is felt that the bank may reasonably be expected to carry along their present claim and make an addtional advance, provided the present bondholders subscribe a substantial amount towards new working capital required, said capital to be secured by prior lien bonds.

There is no time to be lost, the committee states, if the interests of the bondholders are to be protected. It is the general feeling of those interested that the property is capable, under efficient management, of earning a good deal more than the interest on the $200,000 of new securities which may be issued as above. If no concerted action is taken the chances are apparently bad for the property returning very much to the bondholders.

An order has this week been granted posting for thirty days the sheriff's sale of the Hewson's Pure Wool Textiles, Limited. The sale was to have taken place yesterday. This is on account of an agreement between the Eastern Trust Company, liquidator and trustee for the bondholders, and a special committee of the bondholders. A meeting of the bondholders is to take place on October 22nd in order to ratify a plan that may then be proposed for concerted action by the bondholders on their own behalf. The outstanding bonds are $350,000, and already $100,000 has been deposited in response to a request from the committee having the matter in charge. Two offers from Ontario concerns for the leasing of the property, it is said, have been received.

RAILWAY TIES FOR EUROPE

(Staff Correspondence.)

Vancouver, October 11th.

The British Columbia Mills Timber and Trading Company has received orders for two shiploads of railway ties for Europe. The Hastings Mill of the company, which is operating six large logging camps, has now and in course of preparation three cargoes for Australia, three for Great Britain, two for Europe, one for Fiji, two for South Africa and three shipments for Japan. The Hastings Mill has been operating fifty years.

With existing pulp and paper mills in the province producing to capacity, new projects are being investigated. Men getting the Ocean Falls plant in readiness for operation and American capitalists holding large timber interests in the north Vancouver Island have engineers getting data with a view to building pulp and paper mills. An action in the supreme court indicated that a pulp and paper plant is proposed for Quatsino Sound, where pulp concessions were granted some years ago. The Colonial Lumber and Paper Company had an agreement with Messrs. Whalen Bros., of Vancouver, who operate the British Columbia Sulphite Fibre Company, the plant of which on Howe Sound is busy, regarding the construction of a mill. At a meeting of the shareholders of the company a motion was passed to enter into a contract with Mr. Lester W. David under conditions which call for immediate commencement upon the construction of a pulp mill on Quatsino Sound and the development of the pulp and water-power concessions. Messrs. Whalen Bros. are asking the court to restrain the company from entering into this contract in view of their agreement, which calls for a plant being erected by July 31st, 1917.

The purchase of the sawmill property of the British Canadian Lumber Corporation at New Westminster for one million dollars has been made by Mr. L. Imboden. Three-quarters of the amount is to be paid in December and the remainder one year thereafter. The British Canadian Lumber Corporation has two other mills, one at Vancouver and the other near Nelson, but they are not being operated as the company is in liquidation. The plant at New Westminster is new, and was completed less than two years ago.

British Columbia's timber returns for August, issued by the provincial minister of lands, show that the total output of sawlogs for the province, as shown by the scaling returns, amounts to 64,257,966 feet, board measure, in addition to 71,383 lineal feet of piles and poles and 8,329 cords of railway ties, shingle bolts, fence-posts and cordwood. Of this total there were exported 13,984,874 feet of sawlogs, of which 13,302,413 feet of sawlogs were from the Vancouver district; also 5,320 lineal feet of piles and poles, all of which were exported from the Island district. Timber sales recorded during the month cover an estimated total of 10,100,857 feet of sawlogs, 85,000 lineal feet of piles and poles, and 1,234 cords of pulpwood, cordwood, etc., the estimated revenue from this source amounting to $18,160.36.