

## STEEL CORPORATION'S GOOD YEAR

## Earnings Were More Than \$7,000,000—Half of Output Was Exported

The Dominion Steel Corporation's net manufacturing earnings were \$7,004,316, an increase of \$3,433,258 over the previous return and \$2,290,000 over 1913 return.

After providing for interest charges, etc., the balance available for dividends was \$3,995,225, as against \$855,256. When the corporation's preference dividend had been deducted and allowance made for the full year's dividend on the preferred stocks of the subsidiaries, the balance remaining as net surplus for the year was \$3,015,225, equal to 9.39 per cent. earned on the \$32,097,000 common stock on which dividends have been suspended for over two years.

While the amount deducted from net manufacturing earnings for sinking funds, depreciation, etc., is only slightly larger than that of a year ago, a special item appears in the statement of what expenditure had been provided for before showing manufacturing earnings.

## Reduction in Interest Charges.

Mr. Mark Workman calls attention to some of the more satisfactory features of the balance sheet, the immediate result of which is a reduction of not less than \$250,000 in the annual charge for interest.

"All of the 5 per cent. five-year bonds of the corporation, amounting to \$1,500,000, which were presented on or after November 1, 1915, when they matured, were paid. Only \$12,000 of these bonds not presented for payment are still outstanding. The total amount of bonds outstanding has been reduced \$350,000 through the operation of the sinking funds.

"Current liabilities were reduced from \$4,222,082 at the beginning of the year to \$2,366,833 at the close, a difference of \$1,855,249.06. In the same period the current and working assets increased \$823,215. On March 31, 1915, the proportion of current assets to current liabilities was about two to one; on March 31, 1916, the proportion was four to one. It is a satisfaction to directors and shareholders alike that all moneys borrowed from the companies' bankers have been repaid, and that there is a considerable sum in hand for any necessary purpose. The directors will endeavor to maintain and improve these conditions, so that when the present period of abnormal business comes to an end they may be in a strong financial position and able to undertake necessary extensions and improvements to your properties.

## Steel for Shells.

"The most important elements in the steel business continue to be those which have resulted from the war. One-fifth of the steel shipped from the works was in forms suitable for the manufacture of shells. One-half the total output was exported. The destination of the greater part of this was for Great Britain and France, but considerable tonnages were sent to South Africa, Australia and the United States. British consignments included many parcels for re-shipment to India and the far east. The benzol works and the 16-inch mill referred to in last year's report were completed and have been kept steadily in operation."

The coal output was 5,261,198 tons, as against 4,550,512 the previous year, and 5,051,603 in the active year of 1912-13. Last year's requirements of coal for the steel works amounted to about 400,000 tons. The tonnage of pig iron produced was 329,666, as against 187,262 in 1914-15, and slightly less than in 1913-14, when the output was 333,919. The year just past, however, holds the record for the largest production of steel ingots, the total having been 371,086 tons, as against 243,313 the previous year.

Mr. L. D. Wilgress, who has been appointed Canadian trade commissioner at Omsk, has arrived in London en route to his new post. He will look after the development of Canadian trade in Siberia. Mr. C. F. Just, former trade commissioner in Germany, is now established at Petrograd.

Hon. R. H. Brand has been appointed an additional member of the imperial munitions board to act as its representative in London, Eng. Mr. Brand came to Canada last summer with Mr. Lionel Hitchens and assisted in the re-organization of the shell committee and formation of the imperial munitions board.

## BIDS FOR MUNICIPAL BONDS

## Close Tendering for Ontario Issues—Halifax is in the Market

The following lists of bids are indications of the trend of the bond market. Other municipal activities are shown on page 26 of this issue.

**Westmount, Que.**—\$107,000 4½ per cent. awarded to Messrs. Coffin and Burr, Inc., Boston.

**Eganville, Ont.**—\$5,000 5 per cent. 20-instalments, to Messrs. W. L. McKinnon and Company, Toronto.

**Scarborough Township, Ont.**—Bids close to-morrow, June 10th, for \$9,496 5½ per cent. instalment bonds. J. H. Richardson, treasurer, West Hill.

**Halifax, N.S.**—The city is calling for tenders for \$460,420 5 per cent. 1950. Tenders close June 22nd. J. J. Hopewell, city treasurer. (Official announcement appears on another page of this issue.)

**Orillia, Ont.**—For an issue of \$35,000 6 per cent. 20-instalment bonds, the following bids were received, the first-named firm receiving the award:—

Wood, Gundy and Company .....	\$36,518
C. H. Burgess and Company .....	36,351
Brent, Noxon and Company .....	36,311
G. A. Stimson and Company .....	36,298
Dominion Securities Corporation .....	36,291
A. E. Ames and Company .....	35,844

**Cornwall, Ont.**—For the issue of \$5,000 6 per cent. 20-year bonds, the following bids were received, and Messrs. Wood, Gundy and Company were awarded the issue at 104.38. The other bids were:—

A. E. Ames and Company .....	103.72
G. A. Stimson and Company .....	103.71
Kerr, Fleming and Company .....	103.33
C. H. Burgess and Company .....	103.32
Brent, Noxon and Company .....	103.26
Royal Securities Corporation .....	103.07
Imperial Bank .....	103.06
Canada Bond Corporation .....	102.72

**Parry Sound, Ont.**—For the block of \$30,000 5½ per cent. 30-year bonds, the following offers were received. Messrs. C. H. Burgess and Company were the successful tenderers with a bid of \$29,656. The other bids were:—

Wood, Gundy and Company .....	\$29,649
Quebec Bond Company .....	29,239
R. C. Matthews and Company .....	29,100
A. E. Ames and Company .....	28,962
W. L. McKinnon and Company .....	28,959
Brent, Noxon and Company .....	28,829
Graham, Macdonald and Company .....	28,712
Murray, Mather and Company .....	28,590
W. A. Mackenzie .....	28,131

**Sherbrooke, Que.**—For an issue of \$32,400 5 per cent. 5-year bonds, the following tenders were received:—

Wood, Gundy and Company .....	98.34
Hew R. Wood and Company .....	98.129
St. Cyr, Gonthier and Frigon .....	98.126
Geo. A. Stimson and Company .....	98.11
Brent, Noxon and Company .....	98.08
A. E. Ames and Company .....	98.066
C. H. Burgess and Company .....	98.04
Royal Securities Corporation .....	97.563
C. Meredith and Company .....	97.51
Dominion Securities Corporation .....	97.15
Hanson Brothers .....	96.06
Canadian Bond Company .....	96.00

The committee recommends that in view of further issues of bonds pending, they are not prepared to recommend the acceptance of any of the tenders.

Mr. George S. Henry, M.P.P., has been elected a director of the Toronto Mortgage Company, and Mr. David James, Thornhill, has been made a director of the York Colonization Company. The fact that these appointments have gone to two well-known York county farmers has aroused much interest.