

of the bi-monthly pamphlet, "The Chess Correspondent." We are indebted to this publication for the score. The notes are our own.

### Queen's Gambit Declined.

White.	Black.
J. B. France.	P. J. Wortman.
1. P-Q4	1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4	2. P-K3
3. Kt-QB3	3. Kt-KB3
4. P-K3 (a)	4. B-Kt5 (b)
5. B-Q2	5. Castles
6. B-Q3	6. PxP
7. BxP	7. QKt-Q2
8. R-Bsq	8. R-Ksq (c)
9. P-B4 (d)	9. P-QKt3
10. Kt-B3	10. B-Kt2
11. Castles	11. R-QBsq
12. P-B5 (e)	12. BxQKt (f)
13. PxP	13. PxP
14. PxP	14. Kt-K5
15. Q-B2	15. P-B4 (g)
16. B-Q3	16. QKt-B3
17. Kt-K5	17. Q-Q4 (h)
18. P-B4	18. Q-Q3
19. B-B3	19. R-KBsq (i)
20. B-Kt2 (j)	20. Kt-Kt4 (k)
21. P-KR4	21. Kt-B2
22. RxKt	22. PxR
23. BxPch	23. K-Rsq
24. B-Kt8 (l)	24. P-B4 (m)
25. KtxKtch	25. RxKt
26. PxP dis.ch	Resigns (n)

(a) At one time a favorite move with Janowski, the Queen's Bishop being developed at Kt2 in lieu of the customary Kt5.

(b) With his opponent's Bishop available for Q2, this pin has little utility. The piece would be better for defensive measures, and its own safety, at K2.

(c) The stereotyped development is P-QR3 in preparation for P-QKt4 and B-Kt2. The advance of the Queen's Bishop Pawn, afterwards, would give some effect to his majority of Pawns on the Queen's side.

(d) A well conceived advance.

(e) And the pretty sequel, taking advantage of the unsupported nature of the opposing King's Bishop.

(f) If 12.... PxP, then 13. BxPch, KxB; 14. Q-Kt3ch, K-Bsq (not 14.... Kt-Kt3; 15. Kt-KR4ch, K-R4; 16. RxPch, KxKt; 17. Q-Qsq, mating shortly); 15. QxKtch, R-K2; 16. Kt-Kt5. Or 15.... K-Ktsq; 16. Q-B4ch, K-Bsq; 17. Kt-Kt5, Q-K2; 18. RxP, threatening immediate mate.

(g) If 15.... KtxB, then 16. KtxKt, enabling him to advance the King's Pawn. This advance would seem to give equality.

(h) He should first have exchanged Pawns. Now White considerably improves his position.

(i) If 19.... KtxB, then 20. RxKt, PxR (if 20.... Kt-K7ch; 21. K-Rsq. If 20.... Kt-K5; 21. R-B4. If 20.... B-K5; 21. QxKt, PxP; 22. PxP, BxB; 23. R-B7! RxP; 24. KtxR, BxKt; 25. RxRP with the exchange ahead. If here 23. BxP; 24. R-K7 winning); 21. BxPch, K-Bsq; 22. Q-Kt6 and Black can only avoid mate by 22.... QxKt, or 22.... K-K2, the latter move also losing him the Queen by 23. Q-Kt7ch, etc. 19.... Q-K2 seems the right defence. The position is remarkably fine.

(j) Threatening 21. R-B4, Kt-Kt4; 22. P-KR4, etc., as in the text. The Bishop forms a masked battery.

(k) Black plays in anticipation by a move that, of course, is wholly lost. Q-K2, instead, making room for Kt-Q3 again seems correct.

(l) Prettily played.

(m) If 24.... KxB, then 25. Q-Kt6ch wins the exchange amongst other things. 24.... Kt-Kt4 would only aggravate the situation, White simply capturing. The text-move brings White's masked battery into effect.

(n) A beautiful game; very creditable to Mr. France.

### MARSHALL IN TORONTO.

Frank J. Marshall, the redoubtable United States champion, gave a simultaneous exhibition in the big hall of the Central Y.M.C.A., College Street, Toronto, on Tuesday, March 6th. Play commenced at 8 p.m., with a line up of thirty-four players. The master secured 29 wins, 2 losses and 3 draws. Refreshments were served during the evening, generously provided by the institution.

The following players took part, the results being appended:

B. Linnie .....	0	R. G. Hunter ...	0
J. McDonald ....	0	J. V. Dixon ....	0
W. C. Addis .....	0	W. H. Despard ..	0
W. H. Perry .....	½	E. B. Freeland ..	0
J. S. Morrison ..	0	M. C. Smithett ..	0
G. C. Robinson ..	0	A. W. Campbell ..	0
W. Givens .....	0	T. Crossley .....	0
H. M. Boddy ....	0	E. Willans .....	1
F. L. H. Sims ....	0	J. L. Rawbon ...	0
C. Ferrier .....	0	M. Sim .....	½
Dr. W. H. Robertson	0	G. R. Lamont ..	0
J. Marsen .....	0	K. B. O'Brian ..	0
H. H. Demers ....	0	C. Bowman .....	0
K. Pollack .....	0	G. K. Powell ....	0
A. H. Stovell ....	0	H. Cooper .....	1
W. H. Ferguson ..	0	W. J. Faulkner ..	0
Rev. F. M. Dean ..	½	W. Hume .....	0

We give below a record of Mr. Marshall's simultaneous exhibitions in Toronto:

Bds.	Wins	Lost	Dr'n	Total
Nov. 27, '14. (After.)	19	14	0	5
Nov. 27, '14. (Even.)	33	25	4	4
Mar. 18, '16.	29	28	0	1
Oct. 25, '16.	41	33	2	6
March, 6, '17	34	29	2	3

### Solving Tourney.

In the Good Companions solving tournament at the Toronto C.C., Thursday, February 22nd, M. Sim secured first prize, W. J. Faulkner second and R. G. Hunter third.

# Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, Limited

## The Report of the Board of Directors, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Abstract of Profit and Loss Account for Year Ending December 31st, 1916

To the Shareholders of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited:

The Directors herewith submit the Sixteenth Annual Report and Statement of Assets and Liabilities, with Abstract of Profit and Loss Account, for the year ended December 31, 1916:

The Gross Profits for the year after providing for special renewals of plant and equipment was .....\$4,222,373.07

From this were deducted provision for depreciation, war profits tax for 1915 and 1916, Patriotic contributions, Sinking Fund instalment and reserve for doubtful accounts .....\$1,490,586.10

And interest paid during the year on bonds, debenture stock and bank advances ..... 627,309.17

Leaving net profits for the year .....\$2,104,477.80

The balance carried forward to profit and loss account at January 1st, 1916, was ..... 1,510,609.18

Which, with the net profits for the year make a total of .....\$3,615,086.98

From this amount was paid

four quarterly dividends on the 8 per cent. cumulative preferred stock for the year to December 31st, 1916 ..... 80,000.00

Leaving to be carried forward to the credit of profit and loss account the sum of .....\$3,535,086.98

The operations of the Company during the year were carried on under many difficulties such as scarcity of labor, supplies, and railway congestion.

The Capital Expenditure during the year has been necessarily high, mainly in connection with munitions work.

The sinking of the new Jubilee Shaft at Sydney Mines, work on which was discontinued in May, 1914, was resumed in April last. The shaft is now sunk to the depth of 740 feet and by the use of a temporary hoisting plant this colliery is now producing about 550 tons of coal daily.

Good progress was made in driving the new pair of slopes at Nabana. At the close of the year over 70 per cent. of this work had been completed and it is confidently expected that the driving of these slopes will be finished before the close of the present year.

As a result of the increased capital expenditure in the Iron and Steel Department, the output of forged shells during the year was

90 per cent. greater in number and 120 per cent. greater in weight than in 1915, while the total shipments of finished steel, forgings, etc., exceeded that of the previous year by 64 per cent.

The Eastern Car Company had a somewhat unsatisfactory year. The impossibility of obtaining prompt delivery of materials greatly restricted the output. The experience gained in the production of a foreign type of car, and the much higher prices at which recent orders were taken, will, it is confidently expected, make the present year's operation show a satisfactory profit.

The Bank advances and bills payable are abnormally high. This is due to the large increase in business and is more than offset by increased inventories, and by loans to the Eastern Car Co., Limited, to enable them to finance contracts on hand.

The orders for steel products on the Company's books at the present time is equal to 74 per cent. of last year's shipments, and is sufficient to keep the plant fully employed for the next six months, and there is every prospect that this condition will prevail during the entire year.

THOS. CANTLEY,  
President.

New Glasgow, February 28, 1917.

## BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1916

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Mining Properties and appraised present values of Real Estate, Buildings, Plant, Machinery and Equipment, less depreciation written off .....		Capital Stock:	
\$20,036,596.01		Eight per cent. Cumulative Preference — Authorized and issued—10,000 shares of \$100 each .....	\$ 1,000,000.00
Investments in Capital Stock of other Companies, including \$9,200 of Company's own Bonds purchased for Sinking Fund purposes .....	239,337.51	Ordinary—Authorized—150,000 shares of \$100 each ..	\$15,000,000.00
Deferred Balances Receivable on Houses sold .....	71,404.69	Issued—75,000 shares of \$100 each .....	7,500,000.00
Current and Working Assets:		Six Per Cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock:	
Inventories—not exceeding cost .....	\$4,022,667.60	Authorized Issue .....	\$ 5,000,000.00
Advances to Eastern Car Co., Limited .....	1,911,448.73	Less—in Treasury .....	1,000,000.00
Accounts Receivable (less Reserves) .....	1,001,156.11		4,000,000.00
Bills Receivable .....	41,466.58	Five Per Cent. First Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds Due June 1, 1959.	
Dominion of Canada 5% War Loan Bonds, due 1931, \$122,500, par value at 97½ .....	119,437.50	Authorized Issue .....	\$ 6,000,000.00
Cash in banks and on hand .....	540,558.83	Less—redeemed by Sinking Fund .....	212,804.02
	7,636,735.35		5,787,195.98
Deferred Charges to Operations:		Current Liabilities:	
Steamer hire and expenses. \$ 357,500.00		Bank Loans .....	\$ 693,906.05
Insurance and miscellaneous 38,099.42		Bills Payable .....	1,051,000.00
	395,599.42	Accounts and Wages Payable ..	1,411,731.12
Contingent Liabilities:		Interest accrued on Bonds and Debenture Stock ....	266,920.73
Bills under discount .....	\$ 88,461.00	Dividend on Preference Stock payable January 15th, 1917 .....	20,000.00
Mortgages of the Nova Scotia Land Company—not over .....	30,000.00		3,443,557.90
Guarantee of Principal, Sinking Fund and Interest of 6% First Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds due July 1st, 1952, of the Eastern Car Company, Limited—amount outstanding .....	979,200.00	Deferred Credits to Income ..	305,000.00
	\$1,095,661.00	Reserves:	
	\$28,379,672.98	For relining furnaces, coke ovens, renewals and for Business Profits Tax, 1916 ..	\$ 808,832.12
		General Reserve .....	2,000,000.00
			2,808,832.12
		Surplus .....	3,535,086.98
			\$28,379,672.98

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1916.

BALANCE.	
Deduct:	
Interest on Bonds .....	\$289,359.80
Interest on Debenture Stock ..	240,000.00
Interest on Bank Advances ..	97,949.37
	\$ 627,309.17
NET PROFITS FOR THE YEAR .....	\$2,104,477.80
Add:	
Surplus brought forward January 1st, 1916 .....	\$1,510,609.18
	\$3,615,086.98
Deduct:	
Dividends declared on 8 p.c. Cumulative Preferred Stock for year to December 31st, 1916 .....	80,000.00
	\$3,535,086.98
SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD .....	\$3,535,086.98

We have audited the books and accounts of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, Limited, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1916, and we certify that in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and shows the true financial position of the Company at December 31, 1916, and that the relative Profit and Loss Account is a fair and correct statement of the results of the operations for the year.

Price, Waterhouse & Co.,  
Chartered Accountants.

J. Heywood Macgregor,  
F. Beresford Oxley,

Auditors.