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BUSINESS.

The proceeds of this issue will be availed of to acquire all the property of the vendors used in their manufacturing business, including the real estate, premises, the fixed plant and machinery; also the good-will of the business and the manufacturing assets of every sort (including accounts receivable and bills receivable) trade-marks, and patents, the business being taken over as of October 1st, 1899. Messrs. Clarkson & Cross, Chartered Accountants, Toronto, have examined the books of the Company, and write as follows:—

ACCOUNTANTS' STATEMENT.

Toronto, August 28, 1899.

Messrs. A. E. Ames & Co., Toronto:

Gentlemen,—We have examined the books and accounts of the Sales' Book and Autographic Register business of the Carter-Crume Company, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Toronto, Ont., for a period of five years from August 1st, 1894, to July 31st, 1899, and beg to inform you that, after charging against the profits all operating expenses, including remuneration of officials, we find the annual profits have been as follows:—

Year ending 31st July, 1895.....	\$109,538.14
“ “ “ “ 1896.....	108,668.87
“ “ “ “ 1897.....	128,830.27
“ “ “ “ 1898.....	141,687.69
“ “ “ “ 1899.....	151,819.51
Total for five years.....	\$638,489.48

All expenditures in connection with the maintenance and repairs of the property have been charged against the profits, and we are of the opinion that a proper amount has been annually written off for depreciation and that the works have been kept in good condition. The losses from bad debts have averaged less than one-half of one percent. during the past five years.

Yours truly,

CLARKSON & CROSS.

PREFERRED STOCK.

The Preferred Stock now offered is entitled to Preferential Cumulative Dividends of 7 per cent. per annum, accruing from October 1st, 1899. The amount required to pay 7 per cent. on the Preference Stock being only \$52,500, it is considered that such dividends are amply assured, and it is provided that, if in any one year dividends amounting to 7 per cent. are not paid on such stock, the deficiency shall be a charge upon the net earnings of the Company and shall be paid subsequently, before any dividend shall be paid upon or set apart for the Common Stock. In case of liquidation or dissolution of the Company the holders of Preferred Stock shall have prior right on the assets of the Company before any amounts shall be payable to holders of the Common Stock.

Dividends will be payable quarterly on the first days of January, April, July, and October.

The Charter of the Company will provide that after payment of 7 per cent. in dividends on the Preference Stock, and before the payment of any dividend whatever upon the Common Stock, the sum of \$25,000 shall be annually transferred to a **RESERVE ACCOUNT** in the Books of the Company (to be used in the business of the Company), the better to secure to the Preferred Shareholders payment of the dividends on their preferred shares, and such annual transfers shall be continued until the amount of said account reaches \$250,000, at which sum it is to be maintained, and if it is at any time drawn upon it is to be in like manner restored and maintained.

Application will be made in due course to have the stock of the Company listed upon the Toronto Stock Exchange.

SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS will be opened at the Toronto and Cleveland offices of the undersigned on **WEDNESDAY** morning, the 20th of September next, at 10 o'clock, and close at 4 o'clock the same day. The Directors reserve the right to allot only such subscriptions and for such amounts as they may approve, giving preference, however, as far as possible, to subscriptions for small amounts.

5,500 Shares of \$100 each, at par \$550,000.

Payable in full on October 1st, 1899.

Subscription forms may be had on application.

A. E. AMES & CO., 10 King St. West, Toronto, Ont.
Cuyahoga Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.