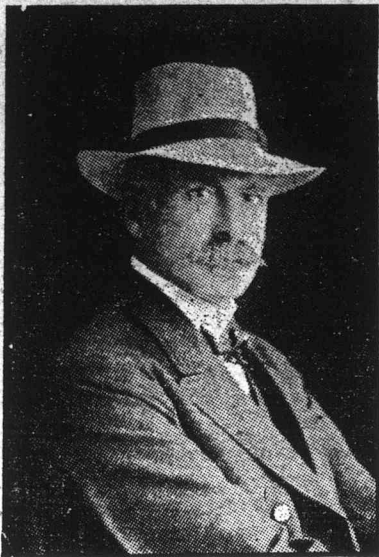


# AMONG THE COMPANIES

## CANADIAN LOCOMOTIVE COMPANY.



EMILIUS JARVIS,  
Chairman Board of Directors, Canadian Locomotive  
Company.

Canadian Locomotive Co.'s earnings for the year ending June 30th last amounted to \$677,937, after allowing for the war profits tax, against \$721,254 in 1916-17, the previous best year in the company's history. The surplus for the year, after fixed charges, depreciation and preferred dividends, amounted to \$342,937, equal to 17.1 per cent earned on the common stock of \$2,000,000, against \$386,254, or 19.3, the previous year.

Profit and loss figures for three years compare as follows:

	1918.	1917.	1916.
Profits .. . . .	\$677,937	\$721,254	\$574,211
Less:			
Bond interest .. . . .	90,000	90,000	90,000
Sinking fund .. . . .	15,000	15,000	15,000
Reserve .. . . .	125,000	125,000	190,000
Preferred dividends .. . . .	105,000	105,000	105,000
Common dividends .. . . .	120,000	.....	.....
Loss .. . . .	.....	.....	12,691

Totals .. . . .	\$455,000	\$335,000	\$412,691
Balance .. . . .	\$222,937	\$386,254	\$161,520
Previous balance .. . . .	\$706,479	304,322	142,801

Surplus .. . . .	\$929,417	\$690,576	\$304,322
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\*—Adjusted after close of 1916-17 year.

The company's cash position is strong, cash amounting to \$567,000, against \$177,615 a year ago, and in addition there is a new Victory Loan investment of \$248,915. Net working capital rose about \$325,000, following a gain of \$450,000 the previous year.

## LAURETIDE COMPANY, LTD.

Laurentide Company, Limited, showed net profits of \$2,593,000 last year as compared with \$2,220,000 in 1917, and \$1,244,000 in 1916. The 1918 earnings show 17.7 per cent on the stock.

The fact that surplus before dividends was slightly lower at \$1,704,655, against \$1,720,011 a year ago, is largely a matter of book-keeping. For instance, \$102,565 was deducted from the final surplus of last year for "pension fund etc." This year before allowing for the dividend, \$150,000 was set aside to pension fund. If last year's form of treatment had been followed this year surplus available for dividends would have shown an increase of upwards of \$130,000, instead of a decrease of \$15,356. Further, the variable item of depreciation, which was \$116,670 a year ago, is \$271,883 this year.

	1918.	1917.	1916.
Paper, etc. ....	\$2,311,799	\$1,841,981	\$1,022,005
Lumber .. . . .	148,121	253,627	101,459
Interest .. . . .	133,913	125,000	120,818

Net revenue .. . . .	\$2,593,834	\$2,220,660	\$1,244,283
Less:			
Charges .. . . .	\$227,296	\$115,797	\$226,899
Depreciation. . . . .	271,883	116,670	59,561
War tax .. . . .	240,000	268,181	20,000
Pension F. ....	150,000	.....	.....

Total deduction .. . . .	\$889,179	\$500,649	\$306,460
Profits .. . . .	\$1,704,655	\$1,720,011	\$937,822
Dividend .. . . .	960,000	864,000	672,000

Surplus .. . . .	\$744,655	\$856,011	\$265,822
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\$20,000 was set aside from surplus to depreciation reserve in 1916.

On the basis of the foregoing, therefore, President Chahoon was not overstating the results when he described them in the annual report as "satisfactory" "in view of the fact that a considerable portion of the company's products are sold at prices that are fixed by the Government, and from which there can be little or no profit."

As to the long-standing controversy between the Government and the manufacturers in the matter of the fixed price for newsprint, Mr. Chahoon spoke out his mind freely in some informal comment at the annual meeting.

"We are in the unfortunate position," he said, "of being in the hands of the Government and the politicians are using the newsprint industry to pay off their political obligations to the newspapers." The Government had started to figure out the newsprint question two years ago, added the president, and was still at it. "Any good business concern could have got at the bottom of the question in six weeks."



C. R. HOSMER,  
Vice-President Laurentide Company, Ltd.

## C. P. R. EARNINGS.

Traffic earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the fourth week in August aggregated \$4,130,000, an increase over the corresponding week in 1917 of \$112,000, or 2.8 per cent. This compares with an increase of 8.9 per cent for the third week, .5 for the second, and 12.6 for the first.

## RAILWAY EARNINGS.

Gross railway earnings for the month of August by companies with the increase over a year ago follow:—

Month.	1918.	Increase.	P.C.
C. P. R. ....	\$12,713,000	\$ 690,000	5.7
G. T. R. ....	6,102,038	1,523,214	34.1
C. N. R. ....	3,405,200	528,100	15.1

Totals .. . . .	\$22,220,238	\$2,741,314	14.1
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The year's record to date, giving aggregate gross earnings by months with the increase or decrease as compared with 1917, follows:

1918.	Gross.	Increase.	P.C.
January .. . . .	\$17,368,662	\$ 82,326*	.5
February .. . . .	15,551,381	507,775	3.3
March .. . . .	19,967,437	2,623,194	15.1
April .. . . .	23,084,035	2,847,924	14.1
May .. . . .	23,342,318	366,985*	1.5
June .. . . .	23,017,449	264,270*	1.1
July .. . . .	22,752,872	18,808*	.1
August .. . . .	22,220,238	2,741,314	14.1

\*—Decrease.

## BANK OF B. N. A.

The final dividend of the Bank of British North America, in its present form, was declared Thursday, according to a cable received from London by the head office for Canada here. The dividend declared in the usual "Interim" form is 40 shillings per share, less income tax, or at the rate of 8 per cent, and is for the half-year ended May 31st last. It is payable on October 5th next.

As the B. N. A. will probably be taken over by the Bank of Montreal some time next month, or in the early part of November, the next dividend to be paid to B. N. A. shareholders, who take stock instead of cash for their shares, will be a dividend from the Bank of Montreal.

Shareholders of the B. N. A. met in London on Tuesday of last week and ratified the agreement with the Bank of Montreal. A second meeting is necessary, according to the bank's by-laws, and this will take place as a formality on Tuesday next. On the same day shareholders of the Bank of Montreal will meet here to ratify their side of the agreement. The way will then be clear for the publication of the usual notice in the Canada Gazette, a formality extending over a month, and shortly afterwards B. N. A. will become part of the Bank of Montreal organization.

## CEASES SELLING BONDS.

R. C. Holden, secretary of the Victory Loan special committee, addressed the following circular to bond and stock brokers.

"Under the authority of the supplementary agreement between us, and in order to assist the Government in the flotation of the forthcoming loan, the committee has decided to discontinue selling Victory Bonds after noon on Saturday, the 7th instant, until further notice.

"The committee, however, will continue to purchase bonds in moderate amounts, but in all cases this will be at the discretion of the committee. Unfilled orders on hand at noon on Saturday, the 7th instant, will be filled by the committee only as the committee may be able to do so."

## BRAZILIAN TRACTION CO.

At the annual meeting of the Brazilian Traction Company held a few days ago in Toronto, Mr. Alexander Mackenzie, the president, presided and expressed the opinion that the outlook for the company was good.

In referring to the adverse conditions under which the company was operating, owing to the outbreak of the war, he pointed out, for example, that whereas before the war coal could be laid down for the operation of the gas plant at \$7.50, the freight alone last year cost \$37 per ton. Generally speaking, the operating costs of the company had increased by about \$1,000,000. The assets of the company improved by \$4,800,000 during the year.

The president explained that expenditure on capital account was practically for the time being finished. The outlook for the telephone subsidiary of the company, he said, was excellent. They had now 600 miles of trunk line in operation, and within six weeks after putting the three systems in operation the demand for service had become so great as to create a congestion. The gross earnings of the telephone system increased by 26 per cent, and the net by 32 per cent.

No statement was made regarding the payment of dividends.

Referring to trade conditions in Brazil, President Mackenzie said that the outlook was bright and that at present the ports of the country were congested with merchandise awaiting ships for export. After the close of the war he looked for a material improvement in the export trade of the country.

According to the monthly statement issued to-day, the earnings of Brazilian Traction during July showed a marked improvement at 9,465,000 milreis, the gross showed an increase of 1,670,000 milreis, while the net increased by 1,214,000 milreis, the total being 5,063,000.

The gross earnings from January to the end of July were 59,158,000 an increase of 6,717,000 milreis, while the net was 29,765,000, an increase of 1,514,000 milreis.