

PENNSYLVANIA WATER AND POWER COMPANY

Several Canadians are Interested—Capital is Eight Millions.

Monetary Times Office,

Montreal, December 24th.

The first sale of the stock of the Pennsylvania Water and Power Company made publicly in Montreal took place on the unlisted department of the Montreal Stock Exchange on Wednesday of this week, when 25 shares sold at 67½.

President Aldred of the Shawinigan Water and Power Company is also president of the company; also President Holt of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company; Mr. E. R. Wood, of Toronto, and R. M. Aitken, of London, England, are on the board of directors.

Little is known of the company in Canada outside of those more especially interested in it. It is likely that the securities will be dealt in from this forward and will later on be listed on the regular stock exchange list.

Latest Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The latest statement issued by the company shows assets and liabilities as at the end of November last.

Assets.

Plant, property and power development.....	\$16,254,995.59
Securities in other companies.....	1,191,620.00
Loose plant and stores.....	139,702.70
Prepaid charges	19,444.03
Accounts receivable	409,135.43
Cash in banks	86,279.03
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	\$18,101,076.78

Liabilities.

Capital stock	\$ 8,495,000.00
First mortgage 5% bonds.....	\$9,135,000.00
Less held in treasury.....	680,000.00
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	8,455,000.00
Bills payable	52,870.00
Current accounts payable	279,259.03
Contingent account	179,625.78
Depreciation and renewal account.....	100,000.00
Reserve and sinking fund.....	100,000.00
Profit and loss	439,321.97
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	\$18,101,076.78

The latest statement of profit and loss available is that of date of December 31st, 1912. This shows the following results for the year 1912:

Gross income from all sources.....	\$721,883.09
Operating expenses and taxes	101,974.95
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Net earnings	619,908.14
Interest on bonds	384,138.89
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Surplus	235,769.25
Transferred to contingent account.....	50,000.00
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Balance at credit profit and loss..... \$185,769.25

The profits carried forward at the end of the year were in the vicinity of 2.20 per cent. on the capital stock of \$8,495,000.

New Units Were Installed.

The latest unit installed in 1912 only became revenue producing at the end of the year, having been put into service only in November. As the unit consisted of 16,000 horsepower it is easy to see that it will have been productive during the past year. Including the unit referred to, the total installation at the end of the year 1912 amounted to 73,000 horsepower. It was the intention at that time to install a further unit during 1913, and this has been undertaken, making the total amount available at the end of the present year 89,000 horsepower.

The company operates in the vicinity of Baltimore, in which city the bulk of the power produced is sold. However, transmission lines reach other towns in the vicinity and provide an outlet for the power produced by the company at its plant on the Susquehanna River.

The money market position is fairly satisfactory, says a London cable to the New York Journal of Commerce, but the capital market is completely overloaded with new issues, actual or impending. Canada has during the last two months offered £20,000,000 worth of securities at this centre and there can be no question but what borrowing by the Dominion is being wholly overdone. The recent issue of £10,000,000 6 per cent. notes for Canadian Pacific Railroad to stockholders at 80 has brought the extent of Canadian borrowings into the spotlight. Conservative people are beginning to look around to see where the increased business and increased population is to come from to pay the rental rates for the tremendous sums that Canada has taken in recent years.

TERMINAL FACILITIES AT ST. JOHN

Shipping Trade is Growing—Railway Right of Way

(Special Correspondence.)

St. John, N.B., December 24th.

St. John is now a Canadian Atlantic mail port. In former winters the mail steamships called at Halifax and landed their mails and some passengers, and then came on to St. John to discharge and take on cargo and passengers. This winter Canadian Northern liners and two steamships of the Allan Line are carrying mails direct to and from St. John.

The shipping trade of St. John has grown faster than terminal facilities have been provided. This caused congestion towards the close of the last winter season, and similar conditions are anticipated this winter, although the facilities have been considerably improved during the year.

For Railway Traffic.

The most important move was made in connection with the development of terminal facilities at Courtenay Bay since seventy acres were purchased as a site for terminals for the Grand Trunk Pacific, when plans were filed for a right of way one hundred feet wide from a point a little over a mile from the city, on line of the Intercolonial Railway, to a point on Courtenay Bay. It is estimated that this right of way will cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Nearly all of the property needed is under option, but some must be expropriated. It is believed that this action has been taken in order that the St. John Valley Railway may come to terminals at Courtenay Bay; and, as the St. John traffic of the Grand Trunk Pacific is expected to come over the St. John Valley Railroad, this spur would be used in connection with the traffic of that road as well.

Grand Falls Company's Proposals.

The Grand Falls Company, Limited, will begin work soon and erect large pulp and paper mills at Grand Falls on the St. John River, where immense power can be developed, and where it is proposed by this company to build up an extensive industry. It will be possible to develop electric power at Grand Falls and transmit it long distances to towns and villages along the river. Sir William Van Horne is associated with this enterprise. Various companies have secured rights and powers at different times with a view to development such as is now proposed, but for one reason or another nothing practical was accomplished.

SMART-WOODS ABSORBS EMPIRE COTTON MILLS.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Smart-Woods Company held at Montreal the Empire Cotton Mills was formally taken over by the Smart-Woods Company, which already held the controlling interest.

Lieut.-Col. C. A. Smart, president of the Smart-Woods Company, stated after the meeting that the Empire Cotton Mills would continue to do business under the same name, but would become one of the five properties of the Smart-Woods Company.

Col. Smart said that the mill is doing well, and 50 per cent. of its machinery is already in operation and turning out fine stuff.

Another meeting is to be held on Monday next, when a two million and one-half bond issue will be discussed. This bond issue would be at the rate of 6 per cent., and would be secured by all five properties of the company. The money procured would be used in improvements to plant and in other ways.

The Empire Cotton Mills Company, which is now a part of the Smart-Woods Company, is situated at Welland, Ont., and was constructed less than a year ago.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FOX FARMS.

The progress of the Prince Edward Island fox farming industry is shown in the following figures:

Companies chartered in Prince Edward Island.....	\$14,930,900
Companies chartered elsewhere, estimated.....	500,000
Non-incorporated ranches, estimated.....	3,750,000
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	\$19,180,900

Two companies having their ranches in Prince Edward Island obtained charters in Maine and Nova Scotia respectively, the two having a capitalization of approximately \$500,000.

The Toronto Paper Manufacturing Company, Limited, will reduce its dividend of December 31st from 2 per cent. to 1½ per cent., putting it on the yearly basis of 6 per cent., as against 8 per cent. as formerly. The directors have decided upon the reduction for the present at least, owing to the unsettled condition of trade in general.