MONTREAL WATER & POWER COMPANY.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Montreal Water & Power Company has just been issued. The gross earnings of the company for the year ending April 30, 1910, amounted to $388,122, these earnings being in excess of those of the previous year by $35,311. The steady and continuous growth of the company during the past twelve years is effectively shown in the following table of gross revenues:—

Years	Gross Revenues.	Years	Gross Revenues.
1898-9..	$100,922	1904-5..	184,838
1899-0..	117,292	1905-6..	213,668
1900-1..	127,236	1906-7..	263,524
1901-2..	140,816	1907-8..	300,836
1902-3..	148,774	1908-9..	352,810
1903-4..	165,826	1909-10..	388,122

The operating expenses, after providing for all extraordinary outgoings for this year and the cost of repairs, full maintenance, etc., amounted to $164,637, leaving a net profit of $223,484. Out of the profits brought forward from last year, the company paid a dividend of 2½ p.c. on its outstanding income securities, and this year a further dividend of 2½ per cent. on these securities is to be paid. For this purpose the sum of $28,185 is carried forward. Moreover, this payment is not being made at the expense of conservatism, since proper provision has been made for writing off the year's proportion of the cost of issue of all outstanding prior lien bonds, as well as the year's proportion of the premium at which the bonds are to be redeemed at maturity. Several other provisions have been made and the reserve account for general depreciation has been strengthened by the addition to it of a sum of $42,500. The issued share capital of the company is comparatively small, namely, $500,000 preferred shares and $280,000 common, in all $780,000. There are now outstanding St. Cunegonde 5 p.c. debentures, $250,000; prior lien 4½ p.c. bonds, $3,189,613; 5 p.c. non-cumulative securities dependent, up to 1912, on net income, $1,074,596, and the company has securities on hand, $904,875.

A large amount of new and costly work, it is explained in the report, has been carried out during the year. The new 36-inch steel force main from St. Gabriel pumping station to the site of the new reservoir now under construction, a distance of over seven miles, was completed during the year, and the new 5-foot steel intake pipe has also been finished and is giving satisfactory results.

The purchase of the land for the new reservoir has been completed; a contract has been given for the construction of the reservoir and work upon it is being rapidly prosecuted. When constructed the reservoir will add largely to the company's system and its ability to meet all the requirements

Margin of Authorized Bank Note Issues as at 30th June, 1910.

BANK.	Capital Paid.	Capital and Rest.	Circulation.	Margin of ordinary Issue.	Excess Issue Authorized.	Total Issue available.	Expansion of Issue, June-October, 1909
Montreal..................	$14,400,000	$26,400,000	$11,602,705	$ 2,797,295	$ 3,960,000	$ 6,757,295	$ 2,724,047
New Brunswick..............	773,700	2,152,675	719,966	53,734	322,900	376,634	8,020
Quebec.....................	2,500,000	3,750,000	1,517,251	982,749	562,500	1,545,249	394,215
Nova Scotia................	3,000,000	8,500,000	2,894,973	105,027	1,275,000	1,380,027	62,816
British North America *	4,866,666	7,397,332	3,597,761	1,268,905	*	1,268,905	968,224
Toronto....................	4,000,000	8,750,000	3,126,835	873,165	1,312,500	2,185,665	1,430,764
Molsons....................	3,500,000	7,350,000	3,119,592	380,408	1,102,500	1,482,908	773,159
Eastern Townships..........	3,000,000	5,100,000	2,454,565	545,435	765,000	1,310,435	697,275
Union, Halifax.............	1,500,000	2,750,000	1,410,437	89,563	412,500	502,063	79,114
Nationale..................	2,000,000	3,200,000	1,901,561	98,439	480,000	578,439	226,441
Merchants..................	6,000,000	10,500,000	4,814,520	1,185,480	1,575,000	2,760,480	1,831,726
Provinciale................	1,000,000	1,350,000	944,508	55,492	202,500	257,992	240,060
Union, Canada..............	3,244,800	5,144,800	2,912,142	332,658	771,720	1,104,378	378,640
Commerce	10,000,000	16,000,000	8,973,548	1,026,452	2,400,000	3,426,452	2,736,388
Royal......................	5,000,000	10,700,000	4,759,693	240,307	1,605,000	1,845,307	668,135
Dominion...................	4,000,000	9,000,000	3,251,962	748,038	1,350,000	2,098,038	1,511,690
Hamilton...................	2,620,355	5,240,710	2,524,100	96,255	786,105	882,360	12,844
Standard...................	2,000,000	4,400,000	1,789,507	210,493	660,000	870,493	379,460
Hochelaga..................	2,500,000	4,800,000	1,985,192	514.808	720,000	1,234,808	509,943
Ottawa	3,449,420	6,898,840	3,146,080	303,340	1,034,826	1,338,166	563,035
Imperial...................	5,384,289	10,768,578	3,980,725	1,403,564	1,615,285	3,018,849	1,024,192
Traders....................	4,354,500	6,554,500	3,235,585	1,118,915	983,675	2,102,590	728,205
Metropolitan...............	1,000,000	2,000,000	964,645	35,355	300,000	335,355	35,190
Home.......................	1,126,535	1,501,535	842,790	283,745	225,224	508,969	547,225
Northern Crown.............	2,203,190	2,303,190	1,657,208	545,982	345,478	891,460	659,885
Sterling...................	928,205	1,209,821	799,165	129,040	181,472	310,513	61,730
United Empire..............	517,108	517,108	408,975	108,133	77,565	185,698	234,725
Farmers....................	567,579	567,579	396,730	170,849	85,135	255,984	62,615
Vancouver	291,995	291,995	....	291,995	43,799	335,794	....
Total	$95,728,342	$175,098,663	$79,732,721	$15,995,621	$25,155,685	$41,151,306	$19,550,103

* Bank of British North America's ordinary issues are limited to 75 per cent. of its paid up capital because of the single liability of its stockholders. It may however issue up to the paid up capital, on depositing with the Minister of Finance securities to cover the excess above 75%. Every year latterly it has done this and in the above table the margin of ordinary issue has been taken as $1,268,905 in the presumption that the bank would, if necessary, deposit securities sufficient to permit it to expand its issue to about the paid up capital. The single liability of its stockholders also precludes it from the exercise of the further right of uncovered issue conferred on the other banks