

INVESTMENTS AND THE MARKET

Shareholders of Dominion Textile Co. Ratify Large Bond Issue—Canada Bread Co. Presents Good Report

Fraser Co., Ltd.—The output of the company's pulp mills at Edmundston has reached 90 tons daily. The capacity for which the plant was constructed was 100 tons, but they do now expect to exceed this as a result of improvements which are being made.

The Fraser company is now shipping the 65 million feet of lumber which the British government recently purchased from them as part of the 40 billion feet order which it was announced was being placed in Canada.

New Brunswick Telephone Co.—At a recent meeting of directors, held at St. John, N.B., it was decided to make an almost immediate application for a substantial increase in their local rates and long distance tolls. Such action was forecast at the recent annual meeting of the company at Fredericton, and it is now known that but little further time will elapse before the formal application is filed with the Public Utilities Commission.

It is understood that the application for an increase in rates has been precipitated by recent salary demands of the employees, who, in some centres of the province at least, are said to have recently organized for the purpose of enforcing their demands.

Lake of the Woods Milling Co.—Announcement has been made that, following the annual meeting of the shareholders of the company on October 3, 1919, a special meeting will be held to increase the capital stock.

The present authorized capital stock is \$4,000,000, of which \$1,500,000 is preferred and \$2,500,000 common. All the preferred has been issued, and \$2,100,000 of the common stock is outstanding, leaving a balance unissued of \$400,000. That the latter is considered insufficient for the future expansion of the enterprises business is indicated in the decision of the directors to ask for authority to increase the capitalization.

Southern Canada Power Co.—The following are the gross earnings of the company and its subsidiaries for the month of July, and for the ten months ended July 31st, 1919, as compared with the same period last year:—

	July, 1919.	1918.	Increase.
Gross	\$ 47,175.02	\$ 41,265.01	\$ 5,910.01
Operating expenses and purchased power	25,891.08	22,773.90	3,117.18
Net earnings	\$ 21,283.94	\$ 18,491.11	\$ 2,792.83

Ten months ending July 31st, 1919:—

Gross	\$487,847.38	\$394,632.34	\$93,215.04
Operating expenses and purchased power	258,966.06	218,818.36	40,147.70
Net earnings	\$228,881.32	\$175,813.98	\$53,067.34

Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd.—The interim report of the company covering the six months ending June 17th has just been issued. The total income from gold and silver bullion, interest, exchange and sundries amounted to \$3,166,625. The general milling and mining charges, including taxes, amounted to \$1,646,868, leaving net profits at \$1,519,756, out of which \$738,000 was paid in dividends, leaving \$781,756 to be added to surplus.

The report shows that the mill ran only 69 per cent. of the possible time, and treated 316,386 tons of ore, of which 50,477 tons came from development work. The average value of the ore treated was \$9.93 per ton. On June 17th the company had 1,344 men working at the mine, of which 905 were miners, 180 mechanics, 147 mill workers, and 112 employed in general work. The assets of the company are given as \$27,704,707, while the capital stock is \$24,600,000, and current liabilities are \$251,663, leaving a surplus of \$2,853,043.

Anglin-Norcross, Ltd.—Messrs. Norcross Brothers Company, Worcester, Mass., and Anglins, Ltd., Montreal, two well-known building firms, are now known under the above name as the result of the completion of an amalgamation recently in Montreal. The object was for creating an organization capable of handling the vast quantity of building which is being planned throughout the Dominion, and to prevent this work going to American contractors as heretofore. The officers will be: J. Penrose Anglin, B.Sc., president; Mr. Henry J. Gross, late of Norcross Brothers Co., vice-president; and Mr. C. D. Harrington, of Anglins, Ltd., managing director. The company is an entirely Canadian concern, and will carry on business throughout the Dominion. As noted in *The Monetary Times* recently, financing for Anglin-Norcross, Ltd., has been undertaken by Atlas Bond and Security Corporation, of Montreal and Toronto. A public issue of preferred stock will be made shortly to provide working capital to expand the company's business, and to enable it to undertake the immense volume of work now offering.

Canada Bread Co., Ltd.—The company, in its report for the year ended June 30th last, showed a manufacturing profit of \$176,208.30, a decrease of \$29,563 from the figure indicated in the previous year. Generally speaking, however, the statement, which will be presented to the shareholders at the annual meeting in Toronto at noon on September 4th, demonstrates the company's finances to be in a strong position. The company has on deposit in the bank \$318,892.50, and, in addition, holds \$250,000 in War loan and Victory bonds.

"Now that the war is over," remarks Mr. Mark Bredin, the president, in his report, "we are looking forward to the investing of our surplus funds by establishing more branches at promising points during the present year."

Unsettled conditions during the past year affected adversely their company's profits. The Winnipeg strike resulted in the company's wagons being off the road for twenty-five days, and the war measures regarding flour substitutes operated disadvantageously to the company. The high wheat price was also another adverse factor. The company, among other things, paid out \$39,818 in business profits war tax, \$67,989 in bond interest, and \$87,500 in dividends on the preferred shares. Fifty thousand dollars was appropriated for depreciation and bond purchase. The balance as at June 30th, 1919, was \$103,418.86.

Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.—Shareholders of the company who were represented at the special meeting of the company on August 26th last ratified the proposed issue of \$15,000,000 6 per cent. bonds. Sir Charles Gordon pointed out that the bonds would be used to retire the various presently maturing outstanding issues of 6 per cent. bonds as they matured, and would ultimately replace these issues and take the form of a first mortgage upon the company. After these bonds and the recent purchase of the Mount Royal Spinning Mills were covered a balance of \$5,125,000 of the new bonds would remain. This amount would be applicable to new extensions and enterprise. At the moment there was nothing in the way of extensions in contemplation apart from the usual work upon existing plants and the new St. Lambert construction, which was still more or less under consideration.

The agreement under which this plant will be erected calls for the work to commence within two years of the signing of the peace treaty. There was some speculation as to whether the peace treaty had already been signed, it being pointed out that the Austrian treaty had not yet been signed. However, the president stated that the work would be under way in sufficient time. He pointed out that little would be done here until the cost of building and construction materials had gone down somewhat from their present high level. He also stated that the new bonds would be applicable to only 75 per cent. of the cost of the contemplated new works.