

INVESTMENTS AND THE MARKET

News and Notes of Active Companies—Their Financing, Operations, Developments, Extensions, Dividends and Future Plans

Canadian Cereal and Milling Company.—The response to the appeal of the committee appointed on October 28 to look after the interests of bondholders of the Canadian Cereal and Milling Company is stated to have been satisfactory.

Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company.—The output of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company for November is as follows:—Coal mined, 68,000 tons; iron ore mined, 56,436 tons; pig iron made, 6,480 tons; steel ingots, 7,750 tons; steel rolled, 8,000 tons.

Canadian General Electric Company.—The directors of the Canadian General Electric Company met on Saturday morning and declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent. and an additional bonus of 1 per cent. payable January 1 to shareholders of record December 15. This places the stock on an 8 per cent. basis for 1913, which was the same as the company paid last year.

Toronto Structural Steel Company.—The plant of the Toronto Structural Steel Company at Weston will be nearly completed by the end of the year, and at the end of January hoped that it will commence turning out structural steel. The company has a contract to construct the new customs house at Ottawa, which with other small contracts will keep their plant busy for three months.

Smart-Woods, Limited.—A meeting of shareholders of Smart-Woods, Limited, has been called for December 22, to approve a by-law passed by the directors providing for the purchase of the Empire Cotton Mills of Welland, Ont. Smart-Woods, Limited already own a controlling interest in the Empire Mills, but intend to acquire the remaining stock. No new capital will have to be secured to complete the purchase, which will be made with treasury funds.

Lambton Loan and Investment Company.—This Sarnia company has declared a dividend of 8 per cent., plus a bonus of 1 per cent., payable January 2nd, 1914. It is the oldest loan company in Ontario, their books dating back to 1844. Known originally as the Port Sarnia Building and Savings Society, it has passed through many interesting experiences and since 1881 it acquired its present title. It has a paid-up capital of \$700,000, a reserve of \$600,000, and a record of steady conservative growth.

Grand Trunk Railway.—The Grand Trunk Railway Company will apply to Parliament at the coming session for authority to create an issue for the general purposes of the company nearly \$10,000,000 consolidated debenture stock, bearing interest at 4 per cent. The application reads, "to an aggregate amount, the annual interest upon which shall not exceed £100,000."

The act also authorizes directors, if profit be deemed sufficient, to declare and pay interim dividends for the first half of any year, even though account and balance sheets for the period shall not have been previously submitted to the stockholders; and provides for one general meeting of the company each year, at which a financial report shall be made to stockholders.

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SHAUGHNESSY ON NOTE ISSUE

Says Treasury Must Be Kept Filled and Present is Bad Time to Borrow in London

Of the proposed Canadian Pacific Railway note issue, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy says:—

"The company is not short of funds by any means, its bank account being of very comfortable proportions, but it has for many years been the company's policy to be strong in its cash resources, and, considering the magnitude of the enterprise, this is manifestly prudent.

"Works of improvement now in progress to provide for its traffic will require a considerable sum to finish. The additional railway mileage constructed and nearing completion represents an expenditure of upwards of \$40,000,000. To meet this expenditure the directors have authority to issue and sell 4 per cent. consolidated debenture stock, but this is not the time to go into the market with a large issue of that security to the prejudice of the commanding position that it has always had in the London market, and will again have when normal conditions are restored. Any issue of debenture stock, excepting such small amounts as may be required to meet the demands of the market, must be postponed until some more opportune time. Neither would an increase of the company's capital stock be desirable just now.

Decided to Ask Shareholders.

"In view of these circumstances, the directors decided to ask the shareholders to loan the company the money likely to be required for its purposes during the next year or two on terms that would be advantageous to them, and the issue of \$52,000,000 of note certificates was determined upon accordingly.

"When the proceeds of land sales, to an amount exceeding \$62,000,000 had been invested in the property, the land assets were permitted to accumulate, and these now constitute the special investment fund of \$55,000,000 that has been set aside and ear-marked as applicable only to the principal and interest of the note certificates.

Could Get Better Terms.

"Were the company to go into the market to borrow money on its own credit in the ordinary way, better terms could be arranged, but this was a special transaction between the company and its shareholders, and it was intended that the shareholders should have the distinct advantage to which they are entitled.

"These note certificates will constitute no permanent charge against the company's revenue; indeed, they make no demand whatever on the income from the company's traffic. It is a debt that will obliterate itself in the course of a few years.

"The unsold lands and other extraneous assets will remain undisturbed for the future benefit of the shareholders, and it is evident that the income from them will be sufficient for the purposes to which it has, for some years, been largely devoted."

EDMONTON'S MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Edmonton has completed the following work this year:—

	Miles.	Cost.
Street paving	22.2	\$1,442,800
Sidewalks, plank	16.9	44,682
Sidewalks, concrete	10.9	79,035
Boulevarding	10.3	105,168
Street grading	10.5	22,651
Water main laid	24.4	270,000
Trunk sewers (approximate)	10	1,750,000
Lateral sewers	26.1	500,000
Street railway: permanent track laid (basis of single track)	20.7
Temporary track	13.3

The Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway is said to be practically completed to Mirror Landing, at the junction of the Athabasca and Little Slave River, 120 miles from Edmonton, and that this portion of the line will be opened for traffic about the first of January.