AMONG THE COMPANIES

CANADIAN CAR AND FOUNDRY

The adjourned annual meeting of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company held last week called out a good deal of criticism of the company's affairs from United States shareholders. Some details of results obtained in the nine months operations to June 30 last were brought out. President Curry stated that the profits of the parent company and its subsidiaries for the first nine months of the present year amounted to $1,178,353. After taking off $298,000 for depreciation and renewals and $480,717 for bond interest, the net earnings were $398,742, which more than takes care of the preferred dividend.

In addition to the $298,000 written off for depreciation, $600,000, the purchase price of new machinery, was written off. This was on home business, irrespective of Russian business.

Bringing the business up tto date, Senator Curry reported that on July 22, unfilled orders on the books of the company amounted to $12,664,000. Of this total $4,281,000 is held by the Canadian Steel Foundries and the balance by the Car Company. Of the total orders $6,949,545 is regular car business. The Canadian Steel Foundries has an order of $3,202,000 for munitions.

Regarding home business Senator Curry, said that the $398,000 profits were shown on business of about $7,000,000. He said that the home business was the best in two years. Many of the railroads were already buying cars and must soon be in the market for more.

Explaining the export car business Senator Curry stated that some of this had to be completed at a loss. It was new business that had to be learned, but was going along nicely now. Orders placed by Canadian railways during 1914 and 1915 were only about 10 per cent of normal, but they have shown rapid improvement of late.

Senator Curry contented that, though the company had earned its preferred dividend this year, it would be impossible to resume payments until the company had got back the $3,500,000 expended on Russian business. There might, be thought, be some hope of a dividend in January.

NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS SOLD.

The property, buildings, stock and holdings of the Nova Scotia Car Works were purchased by Mr. F. B. McCurdy, on behalf of the Canada Corporations, at the auction sale held by the liquidator on July 26. The purchase price was $167,500, subject to a mortgage held by the City of Halifax amounting to $120,000. The bidding was between Mr. McCurdy and T. S. Rodgers, the latter acting on behalf of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co.

It is understood that the purchasers of the property bought it in order to conserve it in the interests of the security holders of the company now in liquidation, and that the old security holders will be afforded the opportunity of protecting their investment by joining in the contemplated reorganization, if they wish to do so, and the property will be offered to them at the cost price.

The details of the new company remain to be worked out. It will be organized and operated, however, in the interests and on behalf of those security holders of the old company who are prepared to come in and take part in the new undertaking.

NEW DOME LAKE ISSUE.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the Dome Lake Mines was held in New Liskeard, Ont. on July 26 to ratify the issue of some half million shares of the company. It was decided that the shares would be offered to shareholders of record August 10, at 30 cents per share. Proceeds will go toward development and mill extension. A circular is being prepared, it was announced, which will show that there is $1,250,000 ore in sight on the property.

Announcement was made last week that the controlling interest in the Algiers Railway and Lighting Company, a subsidiary of the New Orleans, Southern and Grand Isle Railway had been purchased by Attorney Barnard, of Toronto, for Toronto and Montreal capitalists. The road is now in the hands of a receiver.

SENATOR NATHANIEL CURRY,
President, Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited, whose annual statement is reviewed on this page.

CANADA PAPER COMPANY.

Another striking instance of the prosperity of the paper manufacturing concerns of the Dominion at the present time is the announcement that the obligations of Canada Paper Company to its preferred shareholders were discharged recently by the payment of a cash dividend of $28 a share, which called for a total disbursement of about $100,000.

More than two years ago the company, having worked into a position that would permit of regular dividend payments, offered a lump sum in payment of the arrears that had been accumulating over a number of years. The offer was readily accepted by about 90 per cent. of the shareholders, but for a long time the remaining 10 per cent., some of it stock tied up in estates, failed to give its assent to the compromise. It was only in the early part of the current summer that the directors were in a position to put the plan into operation, and a cash declaration of 28 per cent. was then made. Following, that, 3 1-2 per cent. was paid for the half-year to June 30th, making a total payment of 31 1-2 per cent. to shareholders in a very short time.

The dividend arrears settled by the 28 per cent. distribution totalled 42 per cent., or the deferred dividends of six years.

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

Gross earnings of Canadian railroads for the third week of July make a showing well up to the high average for the first half of the month. The aggregate earnings of the three big systems were $4,648,126, an increase of $1,549,528, or 50 per cent. This compares with increases of 50.7 and 56.9 per cent. in tthe first two weeks respectively.

Comparisons are given below:

Co.	Earnings	Inc.	P.C.
C. P. R.	$2,641,000	$971,000	58.1
G. T. R.	1,140,226	159,328	16.2
C. N. R.	866,900	419,200	92.7
Totals	$4,648,126	$1,549,528	50.0

The earnings statement of the Canadian Northern Railway System to the end of June shows that for the year to that date the system earned over eight and a half millions net. During that period the gross earnings jumped by $8,871,300 and the net by $2,808,000. The increase in expenses was $6,063,000, showing a lower ratio of increase than gross earnings. During the year the average mileage in operation was increased by 384, and now stands at 8,048. The company's figures for June and for the twelve months follow:—

	Earnings.	Increase.
June, gross	$3,377,200	$1,597,000
June, net	985,000	591,700
12 mos., gross	33,425,000	8,871,300
12 mos., net	8,537,800	2,808,000

WHEEL MFRS. COMBINE.

Details have been practically completed for the consolidation of the Kelsey Wheel Company of Detroit and Memphis, Kelsey Wheel Company of Windsor and the Herbert Manufacturing Company of Detroit into a new corporation to be known as the Kelsey Wheel Company, Incorporated. The new company will have a capital stock of $13,000,000, comprising $3,000,000 of 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock and $10,000,000 of common stock.

The entire issue of preferred stock is being underwritten by Sachs, Goldman and Co., New York bankers.

John Kelsey, president of the several companies, is to be president of the new corporation.

The Kelsey Wheel Company of Detroit has an authorized capital stock of $1,500,000, all of one class, and stock of the par value of $900,000 is outstanding. For nearly two years the company has paid dividends at the rate of 12 per cent a year, and for five years preceding at the rate of 10 per cent. Kelsey Wheel Company of Memphis is owned by the Detroit company. The Kelsey Wheel Company of Windsor is a separate corporation, including several of the same stockholders. The Herbert Manufacturing Company, with a capital stock of $500,000, manufacture motor car bodies and accessories. It is proposed to make consolidation effective from January 1, 1917. Each of the companies entering into the merger will continue in operation on its present plan. No immediate plans for the expansion of the plant capacity are announced.

CANADA STEAMSHIPS LINES.

Shareholders of the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, at a special meeting held on Thursday, approved the regulation recently passed by the board of directors authorizing the purchase of the St. Lawrence and Chicago Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

It was explained by J. R. Norcross, who presided in the absence of the president, James Carruthers, that the opportunity of purchasing the controlling interest in the company presented itself some time ago, but because they were unable to secure complete control of it the governors of the guarantee fund of the Steamships Co. refused to sanction the purchase.

Later on a syndicate, made up of directors of the Canada Steamships Company, purchased this stock, and now proposed to turn over to the company 9,664 shares of the St. Lawrence and Chicago Steam Navigation Co. at the price of $187.75 per share. In addition to this, which was the purchase price of the shares, the syndicate will receive an amount equal to the net earnings of the St. Lawrence Company during the period from April 20 to July 31, the period during which the property was in their hands. Mr Norcross stated that the purchase price was equal to about $48.00 per ton.

In reply to a communication protesting against the purchase, Mr. C. H. Barnard, K.C. explained that the purchase was not being made out of earnings, but on capital account, the money at present being held by a board of governors, it having been received as insurance on lost steamers. In addition to this he explained that the transfer included $400,000 in cash held by the new company.

BRAZILIAN TRACTION.

June earnings of the Brazilian Traction, Light and Power Company fell below those of May, but show a fair gain over June of last year. There was, however, in June the first decrease in net earnings for several months past.

The returns for the month computed in milreis show a gross of 6,961,000 milreis, an increase over June 1915, of 369,000 milreis. Operating expenses increased by 401,830 milreis to 3,097,000 milreis. Net earnings were 3,864,000 milreis, a decrease of 32,770.

The aggregate gross from January 1 was 39,950,000 milreis, an increase of 2,265,800. The aggregate net was 22,638,000 milreis, an increase of 694,500 milreis.