

Investments and the Market

Increased Working Expenses Kept C.P.R. Net Down—Dominion Linens' Profits Lower—City Dairy Report Reflects Good Year—Trading Profits of Penman's Increased Substantially—Labour Trouble Affected Northern Ontario Power Company—Good Statement Submitted by Howard Smith Company

Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.—The gross earnings of the company for the month of January, 1920, amounted to \$60,526, an increase of \$7,304, as compared with last year. Operating expenses and purchase power amounted to \$30,417, leaving net earnings of \$30,108, an increase of \$3,539, as compared with last year.

Brazilian Traction, Light and Power Co.—The earnings' statement of the company, in milreis, for the twelve months ended December 31 last, shows net of 58,423,000, and gross of \$113,074,000. The increase of net compared with the figure for 1918 is \$6,292,000.

New Brunswick Power Co.—At the annual meeting of the company at St. John, N.B., on February 24 last, L. R. Ross, the president, stated that owing to severe storms and extremely cold weather of the last winter, the company was compelled to pass the dividends on the preferred stock. He stated that the storm losses totals \$40,000 and upwards.

Canadian Pacific Railway.—Net earnings of the company for January amounted to \$585,941, as compared with \$1,553,512 in 1919, and \$1,167,993 in 1918. Gross for the month amounted to \$13,914,569, or higher by \$886,241 than that for January, 1919, and represents the best total for any January in the company's history. Working expenses, however, which continue to mount out of proportion to the increased business done by the road, reflecting the ever-increasing costs of labor and materials, were increased by \$1,853,812, standing in the ratio of almost 96 per cent. to gross.

Canadian Fur Auction Sales Co., Ltd.—At a meeting in Montreal last week, six new directors were added to the board. The new members of the board are: Sir Herbert S. Holt, president of the Royal Bank of Canada and the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co.; J. W. McConnell, Montreal financier; and Fred Cooper, of the firm of Boulter, Waugh and Co., of Montreal; W. H. McWilliams, of Winnipeg; and A. A. Allan and R. T. Gough, of Toronto. Four more seats remain to be filled, but it is understood that this will be effected in the near future, the vacancies being retained, it is stated, for representatives of the Prince Edward Island fox-raising industry.

Dominion Linens, Ltd.—Profits of the company for the year ended December 31, 1919, amounted to \$76,190, as compared with \$71,142 for the previous year. The balance sheet showed considerable improvement as compared with 1918. On the assets side, bills and accounts receivable were \$96,500, as compared with \$45,871 in the preceding year. Investments of \$75,540 was a new item, while real estate, plant, machinery and equipment increased from \$378,694 in 1918 to \$395,446. On the liabilities side, bank loans and advances shows an increase of about \$9,000, as compared with 1918, the amount being \$50,200. Accounts payable amounted to \$10,484, compared with \$11,315 in the previous year, while reserves increased by over \$26,000. Total assets are now \$851,846.

City Dairy Co., Ltd.—The annual report of the company for 1919 shows net profits of \$115,389, compared with \$112,022 in 1918, an increase of \$3,367. After bringing forward the 1918 balance of \$159,507, the total available was \$274,897, out of which was paid dividends on preferred shares amounting to \$49,000, leaving a balance of \$225,897 to be carried forward to 1920.

The statement of assets and liabilities shows total assets as \$1,901,253, as against \$1,739,956 last year. In the cash

position, accounts receivable are \$95,364, as against \$88,708 in 1918, and the mortgage sinking fund and prepaid charges amount to \$37,255; cash on hand, \$1,410, etc. Liabilities include bankers' advances of \$19,358, which shows a substantial reduction from last year, when the figures were \$24,737.

The president, in his report, points out that extensive additions and improvements have been made during the period, and the plant has now been brought to the highest point of efficiency. Capacity has been increased, and an additional receiving station will be constructed during the year.

Temiskaming Mining Co.—The report of the company for 1919 shows that the production in 1919 amounted to 243,037 ounces of silver, compared with 420,078 in the previous year. "Labor troubles closing down the Cobalt camps for seven weeks last summer," said the report, "was an unfavorable feature of the year's operations. Earnings were \$295,252, compared with \$425,014. The surplus on mining account was \$70,448, compared with \$135,394 in 1918. The surplus account had a balance of \$922,738 at the end of 1918, which, with last year's surplus, made \$993,186. Depreciation amounting to \$29,170 was provided for, and a dividend of \$100,000 was paid, leaving \$864,016 in surplus account at the end of 1919. A pocket of high-grade ore was found in the middle of April on the Gans property, and other rich patches in the same area gave encouragement and stimulated further exploration in the older workings of the property. Development work for the year amounted to 2,283 ft. Ore production for the year had net value of \$283,623, and shipments had a value of \$225,596. Costs averaged \$15.6 per ton milled."

Hillcrest Collieries, Ltd.—Profits of the company for the year amounted to \$112,641, compared with \$110,295 in 1918. Net earnings of \$72,581 were equivalent to 7.25 per cent. on the common stock, as against \$60,288, or 6.02 per cent. for the preceding year. The surplus from operations was \$12,581, which, added to the previous balance, brought the amount remaining at the credit of the profit and loss account up to \$219,051.

The balance sheet shows that the company has increased its working capital from \$272,094 at the end of 1918 to \$340,889 as at December 31 last. Cash on hand, which a year ago amounted to only \$98, is shown in the statement at \$24,103, while accounts receivable were almost \$47,000 higher at \$146,223. Miscellaneous current assets were over \$25,000 up at \$340,869. Among the current liabilities bank loans were reduced in the year by an excess of \$10,000, standing at \$45,741, but accounts payable increased from \$12,955 at the close of 1918 to \$43,413 in the 1919 statement. The old board of directors has been re-elected.

Canadian Car and Foundry Co.—It has been announced by W. W. Butler, president of the company, that new business to the amount of about \$12,000,000 has been secured in the past two weeks. Of the new business about \$5,000,000 has been received from the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., covering the building of freight cars, while orders involving the outlay of approximately \$7,000,000 for both freight and passenger car equipment have been awarded the company by the Canadian National Railways.

With the addition of these orders, Mr. Butler stated, the company now has on its books business aggregating almost \$20,000,000, with prospects of further orders of substantial magnitude in the near future. In the latter connection, it

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