

PENMANS, LIMITED

Satisfactory Annual Statement—Figures for Year Compared—Directors Are Conservative

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Penmans, Limited, made an excellent showing in the annual statement presented at the meeting of the shareholders held at Montreal. The profits of the year were \$404,359, being \$63,011 more than those of the previous year. After all charges and appropriations of the year had been met, the company was able to carry forward from the operations of the year the sum of \$36,693. As this was \$58,929 more than a year ago, it will be evident that in 1911 the company had to call upon its profit and loss surplus for the difference.

The following summary shows the figures for the year 1911, with comparisons:—

Profits	\$404,359	Inc.	\$63,011
Old machinery broken up....	\$15,507	Inc.	2,780
Bad debts	1,635	Inc.	1,302
	17,142	Inc.	\$ 4,082
	\$387,217	Inc.	\$58,929
Bond interest	100,000		
	\$287,217		
Transferred to reserve account	100,000		
Available for dividends	\$187,217	Inc.	58,929
Preference dividends	64,500		
Available for common dividends	\$122,717	Inc.	58,929
Common stock dividends	86,024		
Surplus earnings over all charges in 1912	\$ 36,693	Inc.	58,929
Surplus at beginning of year	410,414	Dec.	22,236
Total surplus	\$447,107	Inc.	\$36,693

May Retire Stocks.

It will be seen from the above that the company had a reserve at the credit of profit and loss at the end of the year amounting to \$447,107, and that in addition to this it had carried \$100,000 to the credit of reserve fund. This brought the total amount at the credit of the latter account to \$500,000.

Because of the showing made by the company, there is talk in local financial circles to the effect that the directors may have in view the intention of retiring the preference stock. This amounts in all to \$1,075,000, issued, the common stock issue amounting to \$2,150,600. In addition to this the company has an issue of bonds amounting to \$2,000,000 five per cents.

With respect to the relation between current assets and liabilities, the concern continues in good standing. The current assets now amount to \$2,260,778 while the current liabilities amount to \$1,255,756. The cash position at the end of the year was good, there being a balance of \$45,560 in the bank.

Conservative Policy Shown.

Penmans has been long paying 4 per cent. on its common stock and every now and again the report gains circulation that it is the intention of the company to increase the dividend. That a dividend of 6 per cent. would be possible is not doubted, although to pay such dividend it would be necessary to reduce some other appropriation—such, possibly, as the transfer to reserve account which amounted, as may be seen, to \$100,000, being the same as a year ago. On the basis of the above showing, the company earned just 5.7 per cent. available for dividends on the common stock, so that a matter of \$8,000 more would have sufficed to have met the 6 per cent. Notwithstanding the good results shown from year to year, however, the directors of the company have followed the conservative course of applying large sums to reserve rather than pay it out in dividends to shareholders, and a feeling of security has been their reward during the periods of less remunerative business which the concern, in common with all industrial concerns, occasionally encounters.

Mr. G. M. Todd, manager of the Westmount branch of the Royal Bank, has joined the Montreal stock exchange firm of Messrs. J. and L. M. Wood.

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. Avern Pardoe, Jr., has been elected a member of Toronto Stock Exchange.

Mr. A. T. Shaughnessy has been elected a member of the Montreal Stock Exchange.

Mr. Adam Reid, managing director of the Western Life Assurance Company of Winnipeg, was a visitor at the office of The Monetary Times this week.

Mr. A. N. Mitchell, who has been acting as general manager, has been appointed general manager of the Federal Life Assurance Company. He went to Hamilton from the Manufacturers' Life, Toronto.

Mr. Hedley C. Wright, formerly with the London Guarantee and Accident Company, Limited, has been appointed agency superintendent for the accident branch of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, Limited.

Mr. A. M. Mackay, head of the advertising department of the Sun Life Insurance Company, and editor of the company's publications, died at Westmount, Montreal. He joined the Sun Life staff fourteen years ago and had lived in Montreal since then.

Mr. James H. Scott, who recently retired from the position of general manager of the Gresham Life Assurance Society, Limited, was entertained to luncheon by the members of the board, and presented by the directors with a handsome piece of silver plate.

Mr. J. S. Floyd has been appointed auditor and controller for the districts of Oak Bay, B.C., and Esquimalt, B.C., Victoria's suburbs. Mr. Floyd has been filling the office of clerk of Oak Bay successfully, and in his new capacity the districts under his supervision should receive careful and conservative management.

Mr. R. O. Johnson and Mr. R. D. Bell have been admitted as partners in the firm of Messrs. Greenshields and Company, Montreal. They have been with the firm since its inception. The other partners are Mr. Melville Greenshields and Mr. Gordon Greenshields. Before joining Greenshields and Company, Mr. Johnson was a member of the New York staff of Messrs. Laidlaw and Company. Mr. Bell similarly came to Montreal from New York, where he was a member of the financial staff of the "Sun."

MONTREAL CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK

Upwards of two million dollars were withdrawn during a run on the Montreal City and District Savings Bank, started apparently on some groundless rumor.

The City and District Bank is the receiver in Montreal for the government gold, and it is claimed that upwards of \$50,000,000 in the yellow metal was actually in the headquarters while the run was on there, and at the different branches. Some \$2,500,000 gold was placed at the disposal of the bank by a wire from the Finance Minister, this representing government securities held by the bank. In addition to this, the bank received assurances from the Montreal, Royal and Merchants Banks, and others. Another announcement was to the effect that the bank received no less than \$5,000,000 cash through the government, the amount being advanced by cable on the bank's London securities.

PACIFIC BURT COMPANY

Growth and progress in the company's activities are exhibited by the financial statement of the Pacific Burt Company.

Increased net profits are shown, the total being \$79,669. The balance carried forward from 1911 was \$21,236, making \$100,905 available for distribution, as follows:—

Dividends on preference stock Nos. 6, 7, and 8, \$34,125; reserved for dividend No. 9, payable January 2nd, 1913, \$11,750; dividend on common stock No. 3, \$6,500; reserved for dividend No. 4, payable January 2nd, 1913, \$6,500—\$13,000; transferred to real estate and plant reserve account, \$10,000; balance carried forward to 1913, \$32,405.33.

The total assets are \$1,428,821, of which the company has in real estate, buildings, plant, patents, goodwill and investments, \$1,187,746; stock in trade, \$87,066; accounts and bills receivable, \$124,754; cash at bankers and in hand, \$29,254.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mr. S. J. Moore; vice-presidents, Mr. F. N. Burt and Mr. H. T. Scott. The general manager is Mr. Horace P. Brown.