

ALGOMA STEEL CORPORATION

Pig Iron Production Well Maintained—Net Earnings—
List of Securities

The output of the Algoma Steel Corporation, Limited, the principal subsidiary of the Lake Superior Corporation, was as follows for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1914, compared with the previous year:—

	1912-13. Tons.	1913-14. Tons.
Pig iron	326,073	311,904
Steel rails	289,343	325,080
Merchant mill material	26,295	15,576

Pig iron production was well maintained, and the rail mill output exceeded that of any previous year. On account of the smaller demand for merchant mill material, the output from the merchant mills was less than for the previous year.

The water power department continues to show good results. It was intimated in the previous report that the directors had in view the enlargement of the power canal, and now that the International Joint Commission has given its decision on the respective water power rights of Canada and the United States, it is expected that outstanding questions as to the rights of the company will be speedily settled, so as to enable progress with the development in question to be made.

Ore of Good Grade.

The company's mines in the Michipicoten district are operating to full capacity, and are producing ore of a satisfactory grade, part of which is being used in the blast furnaces, the remainder being sold in the open market. As anticipated in the last report, Magpie Mine commenced shipments of ore in May.

Throughout the year, capital expenditure has been curtailed as far as possible. Unforeseen expenditure occurred through the collapse of part of the ore dock at the Sault and the consequent loss of an ore bridge, last winter. The existing battery of open hearth furnaces is being added to by the construction of two additional furnaces, bringing the capacity of this plant up to 20,000 tons of steel ingots per month. The outlook is somewhat uncertain, the demand for steel products has fallen off, and money stringency, owing to the European situation, is operating as an adverse factor. In view of this and of the continuing necessity for outlay upon the older plants and properties, the directors have not on this occasion paid anything to the Lake Superior Corporation by way of dividend on the preference stock.

Net Earnings Were Good.

The net earnings from operations totalled \$1,762,110 and the dividends and interest on investments \$172,856, making total net earnings of \$1,934,965. The following deductions were made from this sum:—(1) on purchase money mortgage 5 per cent. bonds, \$290,000; (2) on first and refunding mortgage 5 per cent. bonds, \$700,000; (3) on three-year 6 per cent. notes, \$48,650; (4) on debentures of city of Sault Ste. Marie, \$9,800.72; (5) on bank and other advances, \$190,363.76. The surplus for the year was therefore \$696,151. This was divided as follows:—Appropriated for reserves, depreciation, renewals, etc., \$480,552.91; doubtful debts and losses of previous years, etc., \$136,086.36; amount written off in respect of discount and expenses of securities sold, \$62,428.26. This left a balance carried forward of \$17,083.89.

The company did very well considering the prevailing conditions. New lines of manufacture will probably be made in the near future.

Securities and Directorate.

The securities of the Algoma Steel Corporation appear in the balance sheet as follow:—

Capital stocks	\$25,000,000
Common stock	\$15,000,000
Preference—7% cumulative	10,000,000
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	\$25,000,000
Bond issues	\$22,232,500

Purchase money 5% bonds	\$ 5,800,000
First and refunding mortgage 5% bonds: Authorized issue	\$30,000,000

Amount outstanding	\$20,148,000
Less: Pledged as security for repayment of three-year notes and temporary loans	6,148,000

Three-year 6% gold notes	14,000,000
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	\$22,232,500

The directorate is composed of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. J. Frater Taylor, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., president; W. K. Whigham, London, England, vice-president; W. C. Franz, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., vice-president; Herbert Coppel, New York, N.Y., vice-president; W. E. Stavert, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Thomas Gibson, Toronto, and D. C. Newton, Montreal, Que.

DEATH OF MR. J. BICKNELL

Mr. James Bicknell, K.C., a prominent Canadian solicitor, senior partner of Bicknell, Bain, Macdonell and Gordon, barristers, died at his home at Toronto. The late Mr. Bicknell was born in London, England, in 1862, and came to Canada ten years later. He was educated at Hamilton Collegiate Institute, and practised in that city from 1884 to 1894. Since then Mr. Bicknell has been in Toronto, and in 1902 he was made a K.C. Mr. Bicknell was elected a Bencher of the Ontario Law Society in 1906, and re-elected 1911; he was a member of the Senate of the University of Toronto. He was joint author, Bicknell and Seager's "Division Court Act" and Bicknell and Kappele's "Practical Statutes."

POWER DEVELOPMENT ON PACIFIC COAST

(Staff Correspondence.)

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Civic officials and aldermen were the guests of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, when an inspection was made of the power plant on the north arm of the inlet. Much work has been done, but, being removed from ordinary routes of travel, people are not generally aware of the extent of the development. Figures of the Lake Buntzen plant are: Total capacity, 85,500 horse-power; length of No. 1 power-house, 300 feet; length of No. 2, 200 feet; transformer equipment designed for 60,000 volts; area of Lake Buntzen, from which comes the water to drive the plant, 500 acres; area of Lake Coquitlam, 3,075 acres, this being connected with Lake Buntzen by a tunnel, 12,775 feet long; Coquitlam dam, 655 feet wide, 100 feet high, 1,200 feet long; storage capacity equal to 57,000,000 kilowatt-hours.

The motorship Jutlandia, of the Danish East Asiatic Company, has been substituted for the Tongking to follow the motorship Malakka, now about a month out of Copenhagen. This line of boats will make their way via the Panama Canal, and regular calls will be made at Victoria. In the homeward service the boats will return via the Canal. Another big liner to go by the direct route to Europe is the Dean of Airlie of the Royal Mail service, which is now on her second trip to this coast.

Mr. F. W. Stobart, purchasing agent for the Imperial Government, recently in Ottawa, has instructions to place orders with Canadian firms for sweaters, shirts, socks, gloves and other miscellaneous articles, and to ascertain further what articles in addition may be economically supplied by Canada. As a result of war contracts which will be placed in Canada from the other side of the Atlantic many important industries throughout the Dominion will be in a position to keep their men in steady employment during the coming winter. The value of such contracts is estimated at \$30,000,000.