

INVESTMENTS AND THE MARKET

Laurentide Company Liquidates Bond Obligations—Brompton Pulp and Paper Finances in Good Shape—Wayagamack Position

Holt, Renfrew and Co., Ltd.—The preferred and common stock of the company will shortly be listed on the Montreal Stock Exchange, following application. The preferred and common stock outstanding amounts to \$1,000,000 par value in each case.

Northern Canada Power Co., Ltd.—The company, which generates electric energy for the mines of Porcupine district, is planning a reorganization in which the one word "company" will be dropped, thus changing the name to Northern Canada Power, Ltd., and also plans to increase the capitalization from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000.

Prince's, Ltd.—Four of the directors who will be on the board of the company which will shortly open a high-class restaurant on Yonge Street, Toronto, have been named. They are all Toronto men as follows: L. Solman, R. R. Bongard, Victor Cawthra and James Scott. It is stated that permission to use the name of Prince, along with the Prince's crest of feathers, was secured by the company.

Twin City Rapid Transit Co.—Gross revenues for the month of November, 1919, amounted to \$1,005,154. After deducting operating expenses of \$728,883, the net revenue amounted to \$276,270. The sum of \$216,062 was spent for fixed charges and taxes, leaving a net income of \$601,208, compared with \$23,661 in 1918.

For the eleven months ended November 30th net income totalled \$919,610, compared with \$671,775 for the same period in 1918.

Porto Rico Railways Co., Ltd.—The following is a comparative statement of earnings of the company for the month of November, 1919:—

	1918.	1919.	Increase.
Gross	\$ 82,389	\$ 94,887	\$ 12,488
Net	35,250	35,431	180
For eleven months:—			
Gross	947,603	1,030,364	82,761
Net	397,783	401,244	3,460

Dominion Steel Corporation.—At a meeting of the board of directors last week the appointment of the following to the newly constituted London advisory committee was given: Viscount Furness, Sir Wm. Beardmore, Gen. the Hon. Sir Newton Moore, Henry Steele, Benjamin Talbot and Col. W. Grant Morden, all of whom are associated with the English interests, which some weeks ago acquired 50,000 shares of the company's common stock. The resignation of Mr. J. K. L. Ross as director of the corporation was tendered, but the vacancy was not filled.

Montreal Telegraph Co.—The annual financial report of the company shows that on the asset side of the balance sheet there is only a small change, this being in cash, accounts receivable, bonds and other securities, these being higher at \$163,483, against \$162,598 in the previous year.

The only changes on the liabilities' side is an increase in contingent fund from \$121,029 a year ago to \$122,586, while unclaimed dividends are lower at \$896, against \$1,569. Total assets are now \$2,315,307, against \$2,314,422 in 1918. The usual dividends, amounting to \$160,000, were disbursed during the year.

Ritz-Carlton Hotel Co.—The proposal of the directors of the company has been ratified by the first and second mortgage bondholders. By this proposal bond interest arrears on the first mortgage issue are to be funded, holders to receive a cash payment of a full year's interest and the balance in second mortgage bonds, while the old second mortgage bondholders, having agreed to forego their interest

claims, are given assurance of interest payments from the first quarter of the current year. It is stated that earnings, owing to the good increase in the company's business, will be more than sufficient to pay interest charges on both issues of bonds from this time forward.

Canadian Car and Foundry Co.—A large portion of the outstanding common and preferred stock of the company has passed over to the ownership of an influential group in the United States.

W. W. Butler, the president of the Car concern, Senator Curry, the chairman of the board, and other interests associated with them, still retain a very substantial interest in the company, and will continue, as heretofore, to control the operations of the enterprise. The change, it is stated, will chiefly affect the export business of Canadian Car, and this will be financed from New York. It is expected as a result of the changes that the company will now be in a better position to undertake the execution of the large volume of foreign export business offering.

Apart from export business, it is stated that Canada will need from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000 worth of cars in the next five years, of which business the Canadian Car concern will probably get its full share.

Laurentide Co.—Notice of future plans of the company will be submitted to shareholders at a special meeting this month. The capitalization of the company is to be increased from the present amount of \$10,000,000 to \$30,000,000, three shares of new stock to be issued for each one of the old securities held. What the dividend basis of the new shares will be is as yet officially undisclosed.

Outstanding at the present time is a par value of \$9,600,000 stock of the Laurentide company, the balance of \$400,000 being unissued, so that on the three-for-one basis it will be necessary to issue \$28,800,000 of the new shares, leaving \$1,200,000 to provide for any moderate financing in the future. As already pointed out, shareholders of Laurentide now possess the full equity in the extensive assets of the company, there being no bonds or preferred stock whatever outstanding as obligations against these.

Plans have been made to have the new securities listed on the Montreal Stock Exchange without delay as soon as the shareholders give their formal approval to the recommendations of the directors of the company. These will constitute the business for which the special meeting will be called. The date of the meeting has, it is understood, been set in the last week of the current month.

The Laurentide Company has liquidated its last outstanding bond obligations, the 6 per cent. 20-year issue. The transaction involved payment of \$550,000. The original issue was for \$1,200,000. The company enters the year 1920 free of bonded debt, the only outstanding capital obligations being the \$9,600,000 common stock, behind which there are heavy investments, timber holdings, plans, water-powers, etc.

Brompton Pulp and Paper Co., Ltd.—The statement of the company for the twelve months ended October 31st last shows that earnings amounted to \$1,098,337, an increase of \$47,063 over the 1918 exhibit and \$24,775 in excess of that for the preceding year. After allowance is made for the usual charges, including \$188,499 for depreciation, compared with some \$1,600 less in the last annual report, the balance available for distribution among holders of the company's common shares amounted to \$687,383, equal to 9.8 per cent. as against 9.1 per cent. in the 1918 showing and 9.6 per cent. in the previous year.

After deducting the sum of \$350,000, representing the usual dividends at the rate of 5 per cent. paid during the year, the surplus of \$337,383 remained to be added to the balance carried into the 1919 accounts from the preceding year, bringing the profit and loss balance up to \$967,693.

The balance sheet discloses little change in the working capital position of the company as compared with a year ago.

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