

THE OGILVIE FLOUR MILLS CO., LIMITED

REPORTS and BALANCE SHEET

For year ended August 31st, 1915, presented to the shareholders at Fourteenth Annual Meeting held at Montreal, Que., October 14th, 1915.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

A Balance Sheet showing the Assets and Liabilities of the Company, also profits for the year, and the transfer to a Special Contingent Account of the sum of \$1,250,000 is submitted.

The sum of about \$28,000 was added during the year to the Company's Pension Fund, which now amounts to \$100,000.

The Company's accounts have been audited by Messrs. Creak, Cushing & Hodgson, Chartered Accountants, whose report is presented herewith.

The Ogilvie Grain Company, Limited, was incorporated during the year. This is a subsidiary Company, which has been created to facilitate the handling of the Company's grain business.

A further addition to the Company's terminal grain elevator at Fort William has been constructed with a capacity of 750,000 bushels. The Company now has a storage capacity of 7,250,000 bushels at Fort William and West thereof, and of 1,800,000 bushels East of Fort William.

The Company's flour mills, elevators and other properties are in first-class condition. Liberal expenditures are constantly being made to keep them up to the most modern standard of efficiency.

The usual dividends have been paid during the year on the Preferred and Common stocks.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. R. HOSMER,

President.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S AND MANAGING DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS.

Mr. W. A. Black, Vice-President and Managing Director, in addressing the shareholders, said:

The financial statement submitted will, I am sure, be received by you with great satisfaction. The past year was a very trying one, the fluctuations in the wheat market having been quite abnormal. On the 1st September,

1914, new crop wheat was quoted at \$1.13½ at Fort William. From this level it gradually worked up to \$1.65, then reacted to \$1.17 5-8, then back again to \$1.40 1-8, and finally at the end of the fiscal year it was down to \$7 7-8.

Towards the end of April the Canadian Government issued an order limiting the export of flour to only two possible importing countries, viz., Great Britain and France, in addition to which the British and French Governments purchased large quantities of wheat which they re-sold to mills in those countries below current values, the effect being that we were practically put out of the export flour business. Domestic business too, at that time, was at a minimum as a result of the smaller population and the laying in of large stocks before the end of our previous year by consumers and dealers generally.

This combination of circumstances, however, turned out fortunately for our Company, as the grain which we had provided for our normal requirements, not being needed, was sold at a very large advance over its cost to us. I have thought it wise to explain this at length, for it is an experience that may not occur again. As this profit is unusual the amount has been shown separately from the regular trading profits, as will be noted from the statement before you.

I think I should draw the attention of our Shareholders to the fact that in addition to flour milling we operate Oatmeal mills at Winnipeg and Corn and Barley products mills at Montreal; buy and sell all classes of grain through our system of 147 elevators in the Canadian Northwest, and also own and operate a large terminal elevator at Fort William of 2,000,000 bushels capacity, from which a very considerable portion of our profits are derived.

Our country has this year been blessed with by far the largest crop in its history, and the general outlook for business is most encouraging.

Our Government has recently removed many of the restrictions regarding the exportation of flour, wheat, etc., to foreign countries, thus affording much broader markets.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on hand and at Bank.....	\$ 667,820.40
Bills Receivable.....	335,285.61
Open Accounts Receivable after making full provision for all Contingencies.....	1,179,603.03
Stock on hand of Wheat, Flour, Oatmeal, Coarse Grains, Bags and Barrels.....	694,452.01
Stables, Plant, Barges and Office Equipment.....	45,265.00
Investments.....	224,025.28
Active Assets.....	\$3,146,451.33
Investments for Pension Fund.....	70,086.14
Real Estate, Water Powers and Mill Plants in Montreal, Winnipeg, Fort William and Medicine Hat; Elevators in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan; Property in St. John, N.B., and Ottawa, as at 31st August, 1914.....	\$6,127,609.92
Expended during the year for addition to Elevator at Fort William, additions to Mill at Medicine Hat, Interior Elevators, etc.....	206,291.69
	6,333,901.61
Goodwill, Trade Marks, Patent Rights, etc.....	1.00

\$9,550,440.08

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable.....	\$ 718,129.58
Provision for Bond Interest and Dividends to date.....	120,250.00
Current Liabilities.....	\$28,379.58
Officers' Pension Fund.....	100,000.00
First Mortgage Bonds.....	2,350,000.00
Capital Account:—Preferred Stock \$2,000,000.00 Common Stock 2,500,000.00	4,500,000.00
Contingent Account.....	1,250,000.00
Profit and Loss Account: Amount at Credit 31st Augt. 1914 \$582,466.46 Net Profits for year, Flour Account 600,780.92	\$1,183,247.38
Less: Bond Interest \$141,000.00 Dividends— Preferred Stock 140,000.00 Common Stock 200,000.00	\$481,000.00
	702,247.38
Profits from other Sources.....	1,059,813.12
	1,762,060.50
Less Amount Transferred to Contingent Account.....	1,250,000.00
Balance Carried Forward.....	512,060.50
	\$9,550,440.08
Indirect Liabilities: Customers' Paper under Discount \$93,605.00	

We have audited the Books of the Company for the year ending 31st August, 1915, and certify the above to be a correct statement of the affairs of the Company at that date as shown by the Books.

CREAK, CUSHING & HODGSON, C.A., Auditors.