

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

REVENUE, 1916.—Continued.

Rate of profit—	
Net profit available for dividends (before deducting war-tax)	\$360,050
Capital—	
Common stock	\$2,125,000
Surplus profits	575,484
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	\$2,700,484
Less good-will	183,000
On total capital invested (14.3 per cent).	\$2,517,484

Profit per barrel of flour and dividends payable thereby:—

Total net profit less war-tax, \$325,050.
Total flour and cereals produced, 2,214,779 barrels.
Profit per barrel, 14.68 cents.

After deducting sinking fund, all other charges remaining the same, but making no payment to surplus profits account, the remainder, \$282,761, would amount to 13.3 per cent on common stock.

REVENUE, 1917.

Total sales	\$25,910,312
Net profit available for dividends (after paying war-tax)	368,648
Composed—Net profit	\$326,359
Sinking fund reserve	12,284
War-tax	45,000
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Disposed—Dividends on common stock (8 per cent)	\$169,976
Added to surplus profits account	156,383
Sinking fund	42,289
War-tax	45,000
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	\$413,648

Derived—Revenues derived from sources other than flour manufactured are not shown separately, but they are relatively small.

Rate of profit—	
Net profit available for dividends (before paying war-tax)	\$413,648
Capital—Common stock	\$2,125,000
Surplus profits	688,268
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	\$2,813,268
Less good-will	183,000
On total invested capital (15.53 per cent).	\$2,630,268

Profit per barrel and dividends payable thereby:—

Total net profit after payment of war-tax, \$368,648.
Total flour and other cereals produced, 1,955,920 barrels.
Profit per barrel, 18.85 cents.

After deducting sinking fund, all other charges remaining the same, but making no payment to surplus profits account, the remainder, \$326,359, would amount to 15.36 per cent on common stock.

The depreciation account in 1916 and 1917 is larger than the normal depreciation reserve, which is about two per cent, but is smaller than that allowable, namely, 5 per cent. The depreciation reserves were \$92,000 in 1916, and \$96,000 in 1917, approximately, respectively, about 3.4 per cent in 1916 and 3.5 per cent of the value of the plant in 1917.

SUMMARY OF WESTERN CANADA FLOUR MILLS COMPANY.

In actual production for the year 1917, this company is the fourth largest in Canada, although in total sales it is the second largest. The number of barrels of flour produced in 1917 was approximately, 1,960,000 as compared with 2,100,000 produced by the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, and 3,550,000 produced by the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company. The average daily capacity of its mills is 8,900 barrels as compared