THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

THE DIRECTORS

The Consumers' Gas Co'y of Toronto

1. The Directors, have again with satisfaction, to report another year of gratifying progress in the business of the Company, resulting from the continued rapid growth of the City, the Roccal policy pursued towards the public, and the high standard of the illuminating power of the gas

2. The rapid increase in the consumption, has rendered necessary, very considerable additions, alterations, and improvements to the Works, amongst which are the following —

3. The crection of a new stack of ten benches of reforts—60 mouthpieces—with new hydraulic mains, &c. upon an improved principle, to replace an old stack, from which satisfactory results could not be obtained—two large multitubular condensers—a" Standard "Washer-Scrubber of 1,000,000 cubic feet per diem capacity—two exhausters with engines—1, 12 ft. by 12 ft. station meter—four purifiers 24 ft. by 20 ft. by 4 ft. deep, with 20 inch centre valve, and the enlargement of the coal gas purifying house to receive these purifiers, which are hereafter to be used for the purification of the water gas.

4. Most of these, with other additions and alterations, have been completed, and were adopted with the view of utilizing to the utmost extent, the present works of the Company, before undertaking the erection of others, which would involve a largely increased expenditure.

5. The prospect of a continued increase in the consumption of gas, together with the extraordinarily rapid development of the Western and North-western portions of the City, impressed upon the Directors, the importance and necessity, of making adequate provision to meet it. They accordingly determined upon securing property in the West end, for the purpose of erecting a large gas-holder thereon, and have entered into an agreement for the purpose of erecting a large gas-holder thereon, and have entered into an agreement for the purchase of a suitable lot, which it is expected will be carried out in due course. Meanwhile, a sufficient quantity of 20-inch main pipes has been purchased, for conveying the gas from the works to the new holder, and a considerable portion of it, has been already laid.

6. During the year 14,311 yards of new mains have been laid, and 1,140 new services put in.

7. After careful consideration the Directors resolved to make the following reductions per

thousand feet in the net prices of gas, taking effect from 1st October, 1885. To Consumers of under 200,000 cubic feet per annum from	\$1.50 to \$1.25
over 200,000 " " and under 500,000 from	1.30 4 1.15
" " 500,000 " " " from	1.30 " 1.10
For gas for cooking stoves and engines, from	1.25 " 1.00
thus making the prices for gas sold for illuminating purposes, lower than those other Company in Canada, and as far as could be ascertained, lower than in any	

this Continent, with two or three exceptions. 8. Although these reductions have caused a considerable falling off in the amount of gas-rental and profit, as compared with the preceding year, still, there has been—mainly on account of these reductions—a large increase in the number of Consumers and in the quantity of gas

9. After vexatious and protracted delays and negotiations, a five years' street lighting contract dating from lat January last, was entered into with the City Corporation, the price charged per lamp being \$20.50—a reduction of \$3.55 per lamp from the amount charged under the contract of the contrac the former agreement.

10. Ninety-three large "Lambeth Lanterns" are now in use, both for public and private lighting, and these have in numerous instances, superseded or prevented the adoption, of other odes of lighting.

11. The "Standard" Washer-Scrubber introduced, will enable the Company to produce amoniacal liquor, of sufficient strength to make it of considerable commercial value, and negotiations are now being entered into, for its sale.

12. The illuminating power of gas supplied during the year, has averaged about 18 candles.

13. The quantity of gas used by gas stoves and engines, has been fully 25 per cent. over that of the preceding year.

14. These large extensions and improvements, have not been made, without recourse to the Bank, and as they cannot be completed without incurring still larger advances, the Directors have resolved to apply to Parliament, for a further increase of Capital, at the next Session of the Provincial Legislature, and the necessary steps have been taken, for this purpose.

10. 100	atement, con	Street Lamps. Consumers.					car and	Gas Rental.		
For the year	ending 30th	September,	1886		2768		7861			\$323,889 04
" "	"		1885		2557		6778			353,498 39

211 1083 and a decrease of \$29,609 35 Or, an increase of

16. The Secretary and other officers and employés, have exhibited their usual zeal, in promoting the interests of the Company, and have discharged their several duties, to the entire atisfaction of this Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES AUSTIN, President.