

# AMONG THE COMPANIES

## WEST INDIA ELECTRIC CO.



LORD SHAUGHNESSY,

President Canadian Pacific Railway, whose yearly statement has just been issued.

The total receipts of the West India Electric Co. in 1917 were \$287,210, as against \$286,321 for 1916, an increase of \$889. Total operating expenses were \$159,189 as against \$144,064 in 1916, the net profit being \$128,020, as against \$142,257 in 1916. The large increase in operating expenses, which is responsible for the heavy reduction in net profits, was due to an accident claims.

After the payment of fixed charges amounting to \$49,909, composed of bond interest, \$30,000; payment to Government of 4 per cent tax on railway receipts, \$7,909; and rental to the Jamaica Light and Power Company, Ltd., \$12,000, there remained a net income of \$78,111, being 9.76 per cent on capital stock of the company. This amount was transferred to the credit of surplus account.

The board was re-elected at the annual meeting as follows: President, James Hutchison; vice-president, G. J. Crowley; Lieut.-Col. Robert Gardner, P. L. Lukis, A. Huntly Duff, K.C., Thomas H. Wood, Wm. Steel.



MR. W. H. GOODWIN,

Managing Director, Goodwin's, Limited.

## MONTHLY RAILWAY EARNINGS.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad's detailed report of the fiscal year just issued, including the special income account, indicates that the company earned at the rate of 15.89 per cent on its common stock. This is derived from the \$30,620,915 designated as available for common dividends, to which must be added the \$10,713,299 special income, which provides 3 per cent of the 10 per cent distributed on the \$260,000,000 common stock.

The above rate compares with 14.75 per cent on the preceding full year, which ended June 30, 1916, and was followed by the half-year which intervened in the changing of the fiscal year to correspond with the calendar year, which does not offer fair comparison. Of the 15.89 per cent earned in 1917, 11.78 per cent came from railroad account and 4.12 per cent from special income.

The railway gross was \$152,389,334, and net \$46,546,018, and after charges there was a balance of \$35,816,875. After the usual transfer to special income, there was available for dividends \$33,848,191, after which there was a surplus of \$12,420,915 compared with \$15,444,158 in the preceding full fiscal year.

Special income figures give a total of \$10,713,299, as compared with \$6,415,352 in the six months ended December 31st, 1916, and \$10,969,332 in 1914-15, the latter being the largest figures yet reported for special income in a statement covering a full twelve months.

It is to be noted in this connection, however, that, beginning with the 1915-16 statement special income is given "after making allowances for contingent reserves," allowances presumed to include provision for any war taxation that the company may be liable for here or abroad.

In the circumstances special income may be considered highly satisfactory, especially as it was sufficient to provide the 3 per cent dividend, which the company pays out of this account as a supplement to the 7 per cent paid from railroad earnings, and to leave \$2,913,299 to be added to the previous balance at credit. Total surplus now carried in this special income would appear to be \$12,835,750, presuming that, as usual, the only charge against the stated results for 1917 was the 3 per cent dividend paid to the holders of the ordinary stock.

The year's results, as compared with the preceding full fiscal year and leaving out the intervening six months, shows:

	1917.	1915-16
Gross earnings .....	\$152,389,334	\$129,481,885
Working exp. ....	105,843,316	80,255,965
Net earnings .....	\$46,546,018	\$49,225,920
Fixed charges .....	10,229,143	10,306,196
Surplus .....	\$36,316,875	\$38,919,724
Pension Fund .....	500,000	125,000
Balance .....	\$35,816,875	\$38,794,724
**Transferred .....	1,968,683	1,923,289
Avail. for div. ....	\$33,848,191	\$36,871,435

## RAILWAY EARNINGS.

The traffic earnings of Canada's three principal railroads for the week ending March 7, amounted to \$4,505,982, an increase over the aggregate for the corresponding week a year ago of \$231,692, or 5.6 per cent. The Canadian Northern was the only road to show a decrease, one of 4 per cent. Following are the earnings for the past week with the changes from a year ago:

	1918.	Inc.	P.C.
C. P. R. ....	\$2,617,000	\$175,000	7.2
G. T. R. ....	1,122,582	59,392	5.6
C. N. R. ....	666,400	*2,700	0.4
Totals .....	\$4,405,982	\$231,692	5.6

## GOODWIN'S, LIMITED.

Improvements in both gross and net earnings is reported by Goodwin's, Limited, for the fiscal year ended January 31st, 1918.

"Notwithstanding the heavy increase in the cost of carrying on the business during the period under review, the net profits are \$25,331 in excess of 1916."

Detailed comparisons of the items in the profit and loss account work out as follows:

Gross profit for year .....	\$301,390	Inc. \$47,680
Bond interest .....	52,733	Dec. 2,437
Int. loan and mortgage .....	52,346	Inc. 5,962
Res. dept., plant and equipment ..	41,000	Inc. 17,000
Res. doubt. accts. ....	4,906	Inc. 1,825
Total deductions .....	150,935	Inc. 22,350
Net profits for year .....	150,405	Inc. 25,331

"In accordance with the requirements of the trust deed, \$50,000 of bonds were retired during the year, and all expenditures for repairs and renewals have been charged to operating account."

It will be observed from the above that the allowance reserved for dep. for plant and equipment was increased \$17,000 this year as compared with a year ago and slightly more was allowed as reserve for bad and doubtful debts.

Pref. div. ....	3,227,276	3,227,276
Balance .....	\$30,620,915	\$33,644,158
Common. div. ....	18,200,000	18,200,000
Net surp. for year .....	\$12,420,915	\$15,444,158
<b>SPECIAL INCOME ACCOUNT.</b>		
Special income .....	\$10,713,299	\$9,940,955
Dividends .....	7,806,000	7,800,000
Balance .....	\$2,913,299	\$2,140,955
Prev. bal. ....	10,922,451	6,226,144
Total surplus .....	\$13,835,750	\$8,407,099

\*\*Net earnings of coastal steamers, commercial telegraph, and news department transferred to special income account.

## LA ROSE CONSOLIDATED MINES CO.

La Rose Consolidated Mines Co. made a net profit of \$71,372 last year, on production of 437,337 ounces of silver, having net value of \$328,751. Average price of 82.94 cents per ounce was received, comparing with 64.89 cents in 1916. Increased cost of production, however, largely offset the higher silver price, this item for 1917 average 68.64 cents an ounce, against the previous year's cost of 46.39 cents an ounce. At the end of 1917 the company had a surplus of \$485,286 the principal item of which was \$437,828 in cash, call loans and Victory bonds.

Concerning ore reserves, the 1917 annual report says: "There is still a small amount of ore left in pillars and the backs and walls of old stopes, but no estimates as to the quantity or value can be made. The main La Rose dumps have all been milled, but there is still left a limited tonnage adjacent to the main shaft. There is also a considerable tonnage of concentrating ore at the Princess and Lawson mines, but no accurate estimates of this ore are possible."

The general manager states that options on two gold properties were dropped, owing to unsatisfactory exploration results, and that while other properties were examined, none was acquired.

## A. MACDONALD CO., LTD.

A satisfactory year was reported by the president of the A. Macdonald Company, Limited, in the annual report just sent out to shareholders.

The report shows that the profits for the year after deducting all operating charges, interest on bank loans, making provision for bad and doubtful debts, and writing off \$14,028.44 for depreciation on motor trucks, warehouse plant and office fixtures, etc., were \$283,076.39 (exceeding by \$64,061.11 the profits of the previous year), from which amount was deducted \$92,168 for depreciation on real estate of this company and other property at Port Arthur, the latter representing part of your company's investment in The Riley-Ramsey Company, Limited, leaving \$190,908.39 net, as shown in balance sheet, which amount has been disposed of as follows:

\$53,004.04 has been added to "special reserve account" as provided for in By-law No. 10, thereby increasing that reserve to \$252,181.50. \$13,461.64 has been used to pay off the balance of "deferred charges accounts" and organization expenses. \$124,442.75 balance has been transferred to the credit of profit and loss account.

President Riley says: "Sales for the past year show considerable increase over those of the previous year with corresponding net results," and in another part he adds: "Trade prospects are most encouraging."