LAKE OF THE WOODS MILLING COMPANY.

Highly Satisfactory Statement for the Year Ending August 31.

The annual meeting of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., Limited, was held in Montreal on Wednesday the 2nd inst. The President Mr. Robert Meighen occupied the chair. The statement presented was the most satisfactory in the history of the company. The net profits for the year ending August 31, 1907, amounted to $618,473.22 as against $375,152 in 1906. The net amount to the credit of surplus was $835,345.72; the amount in 1906 being $528,003.73.

The very unusual and conservative course was adopted of laying aside the interest on the first mortgage bonds, of $60,000, and on the preferred stock $105,000, for the year 1908 in advance, which was totally unnecessary, but followed out the practice of the company for the last few years. The sum of $6,500 was written off moveable property, and the employes were remembered as usual by a handsome bonus of $9,500 being laid aside for distribution.

The company owns and operates the Keewatin Flour Mills, the shares of which are all in its treasury, amounting to 7,500 and costing $200,000. The Keewatin company pays 6 per cent. on this out of its earnings, as well as paying on further advances in connection with construction, etc. Reference was made to the good will, trade marks, etc., which the president stated were worth considerably more than the amount they were placed at. The wheat, flour and other supplies are valued on the most conservative basis. The company starts the year with a surplus of $835.345 out of which the usual half-yearly dividend on the common shares at the rate of six per cent. per annum will be paid. President Meighen and the directors are to be congratulated upon the magnificent statement which they were able to present to the shareholders. As Mr. Meighen stated, they are in the milling business and they do not attempt to attend to any other business. The old directors, as follows, were all re-elected for the ensuing year:

Robert Meighen, F. E. Mathewson, Hon. Robert Mackay, Abner Kingman, R. M. Ballantyne, Robt. Reford, Jas. W. Pyke, W. W. Hutchison, G. V. Hastings.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Robert Meighen, president and managing director; Hon. Robert Mackay. vice-president; G. V. Hastings, general manager; W. W. Hutchison, eastern manager; F. E. Bray, secretary; F. S. Meighen, treasurer; R. S. Neilson, assistant secretary; George H. Kelly, general superintendent; W. A. Mathewson, manager wheat department; R. S. Thomson, local manager Portage la Prairie; W. R. Breen, manager flour department at Winnipeg; R. J. Cherry, local manager, Keewatin.

The statement in detail follows as at Aug. 31, 1907:—

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock—			
Common—Authorized stock..	$2,500,000		
Less—In treasury..	500,000		
Outstanding..	2,000,000		
Preferred—7 per cent..	1,500,000		
			$3,500,000
Bonds—			
Six per cent., payable June, 1923..			1,000,000
Accrued interest on bonds, three months.			15,000
Sundry creditors..		218,489	
Bills payable..		700,000	
			918,489
Canadian Bank of Commerce..			32,329
			$5,466,818
Surplus—			
Balance at 31st August, 1906..		$ 528,003	
Less—			
1.—Expenses applicable to period prior to August, 31st, 1906, and which includes bonus to employees, $6,500 appropriated from profits to that date.. ..	$ 9,250		
2.—Loss on elevator at Carbery (removed)..	4,192		
3.—Depreciation stable and warehouse equipment, office furniture, spare machinery, etc..	8,689		
4.—Steamer "Five Roses"..	4,000		
5.—Dividend on common stock, six months ending 31st Aug., 1906..	60,000		
		86,131	
		$ 441,872	
Add profit year 31st Aug., '07....	$618,473		
Less interest on bonds for year, $60,000; Dividend on preferred stock, $105,000; Interim div. com. stock, $60,000..		393,473	
Amount at credit of surplus, 31st Aug., 1907..			835,345
			$6,302,163
Indirect Liability—			
On customers' paper under discount—			
Canadian Bank of Commerce, Montreal.		$78,112	
Canadian Bank of Commerce, Winnipeg..		68,223	
		$146,335	

ASSETS.

Property—			
Real estate, buildings, machinery, as per statement of the 31st August, 1906..	$2,948,073		
Deduct elevator at Carberry removed, $5,692; steamer "Five Roses" unserviceable, $4,000..	9,692		
	$2,938,381		
Add expenditure on construction, completed..		19,757	
			$2,958,138
Stocks—			
7,500 shares of $100.00 each Keewatin Flour Mills Co., Ltd., at cost..			$ 200,000
Loans—			
Advances to Keewatin Flour Mills Co..			169,755
Stable and warehouse equipment, office furniture, spare machinery..			61,865
Goodwill, trade marks, etc..			993,355
Wheat, flour, bags, barrels and mill supplies as per inventories..			1,466,460
Bill receivable..			755
Open accounts receivable, after provision for bad and doubtful debts..			442,781
Cash on hand..			9,054
			$6,302,163

MR. GEORGE BURNETT, of Burnett, Ormsby & Clapp, Toronto, spent a few days in Montreal this week. The Ottawa Fire, controlled by the above firm, the business of which was recently re-insured by the Ontario Fire, is now we understand writing special lines only.

MR. C. C. FOSTER, secretary of the Western Assurance Company, was in the city this week *en route* to the Lower Provinces on a business trip.