FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CONSUMERS' GAS COMPANY

OF TORONTO

The Directors have satisfaction in presenting to the Stockholders, the Forty-fourth Annual Statement, and to report an increase in the number of consumers, and in the amount of gas-rental and profits for the year, motivithstanding business depression, and the competition from electric lighting.

1,403 new services have been put in, and nearly $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles of new mains laid, making the total mileage of mains over 214.

The consumption of gas for cooking and heating, has continued to increase at a rapid ratio, and now amounts to about one-eighth of the total quantity sold.

The high standard of the illuminating power of the gas, has been fully maintained during the year, at an average of nearly 21 candles, or more than 25 per cent. over the Government standard of 16 candles.

To provide for the increasing consumption of gas, contracts have been entered into, during the year, for the crection of a new stack of 20 benches of "sixes" retorts, with the necessary hydraulic mains and connections, together with stage floors and hydraulic elevators; also for two sets of improved water gas apparatus, all of which are nearly completed.

The gasholder capacity not being sufficient for the output of gas, excavation for a new brick gasholder tank, of 150 feet diameter, by 35 feet 9 inches deep, was commenced in May last, on the Company's lot on Bathurst Street, and adjoining the other gasholder, and the tank is now just about completed, the contractor for the work being Mr. W. C. Whyte, of New York.

The contract for the gasholder, has been awarded to Messrs. R. D. Wood & Co., of Philadelphia. This holder will be a three-lift one (each lift being 35 feet high), and will have a capacity of 1,750,000 cubic feet. It is to be completed by October 1st, 1893, and will be the largest gasholder yet constructed for this Company.

In conjunction with nearly all the other Gas Companies in the Dominion, and supported by a number of leading Manufacturers, this Company, during the last session, petitioned the Finance Minister to remove the duty from gas oil, crude petroleum and benzine; and a large deputation subsequently waited upon him and forcibly presented their views.

The principal arguments presented were, that the prices of gas oil, had steadily and greatly advanced or the past five years; that the production was not equal to the present and increasing demand, for manufacturing purposes, and that the duty and other charges, amounting to 9½ cents per gallon upon crude and gas oil, were the same as those charged upon refined oil, so that the latter, being worth about 9 cents per gallon, the duty thereon amounted to about 100 per cent ad valorem, while upon crude and gas oil, worth about a cent a gallon, it amounted to fully 900 per cent.

The Directors regret that the petitioners did not succeed in obtaining the removal, or even a reduction of the duty.

A comparative statement with that of the preceding year shows:

						LAMPS		METERS		RENTAL	
For the	e year	ending	30th	September,	1892	.1,201		16,164		\$512,554	17
"	. "			"	1891	.1,287		14,838		488,946	25
•					Decrease	. 76	Increas	e, 1,326	Increase,	\$ 23,607	92

The Directors have pleasure in testifying to the thorough and increased efficiency of the Company's war, in every Department, the principal credit for which is due to the able management and untiring energy of the General Manager, aided by an intelligent and competent staff.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES AUSTIN,
President

STATEMENT SHOWING PROFIT

REALIZED BY CONSUMERS' GAS COMPANY OF TORONTO, OCTOBER 1ST, 1891, TO OCTOBER 1ST, 1892

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1892 Oct. 1	To Coal, Bituminous. Ol Anthracite Old Anthracite Old Anthracite Old Anthracite Auditors. Stationery and Advertising Insurances Insurances Insurances Insurances Insurances Insurances Insurances LampTighting Meter Settings and Indications Meter Settings and Indications Meter Insurances Old Anges at Works Taxes Wester Inspection Meter Inspection Meter Inspection Starting and Expenses Sundraces Sundraces	20,156,54 45,300,60 24,418,33 600,00 1,751,02 2,510,19 210,00 49,088,22 9,982,57 10,533,82 11,598,76 8,988,76 8,988,76 11,339,25 11,57,23 11,57,23 11,57,23 3,573,50 231,300,30	1892 a Oct. 1	By Gas Rents	20.783 5
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1892 Oct. 1	To Dividends " Interest. " Profit and Loss.	150,992 00 476 06 82,559 61	1892 Oct. 1	By Balance	231,390 3 11,637 3
		243,027 67			243,027.6

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W. H. PEARSON,
General Manager and Secretary.

Examined and found correct-

W. A. SAMPSON, C. C. BAINES,

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BALANCE SHEET

OF THE

CONSUMERS' GAS COMPANY OF TORONTO, OCTOBER 1ST, 1892

	LIABILITIES.	8 c.	\$ c.		ASSETS.	8 c/
7 1892 Oct. 1	Capital Stock Reserve Fund— Balance October 1st, 1891 Premium on Stock Profit and Loss	768,410 64 164 10 82,559 61	1,600,000 00	1892 Oct. 1	Works Old Building and Lot, Toronto Street New Building and Lot, Toronto Street Old County Jail Property Lot Berkeley and Front Streets.	785,122 ± 124,451 (10,975 (5,501 1 34,079 8 2,586 ; 3,000 (154,882 (5,004 4 2,017 4 76,554 2
	Less Plant and Buildings Renewal Fund	851,134 35 102,442 97	748.691 38		Lot Berkeley Street. Lot Bathurst Street Street Mains Laid. Services. Main Pipes and Specials.	
	ant and Buildings Renewal Fund, Balance Oct. 1st, 1891 Plant and Buildings Renewal Fund, from Oct. 1st, 1891, to Oct. 1st, 1892	160,576 60			Service Pipes and Fittings Street Lamps Tank Cars Retorts, Fire Bricks, etc Meters	
	Less Repairs and Renewals.	263,019 57 49,703 57			Tools. Office Furniture Coal. Office Furniture Coal. Other Tar Oxide of Iron Cash Lebentures Lebent	
	Dominion Bank Profit and Loss— Reserved for Dividend 170 Sundry Accounts Owing					7,600 c 3,338 : 904 8 203 9 229,500 3 79,000 c 1,148 5 23,480 6
			2,694,001 97			2,694,001 9

J. AUSTIN,

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W. H. PEARSON,

We beg to report the completion of the audit of the books and accounts of the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto, for the year ending 1st October, 1892, and certify to their correctness.

(Signed) W. A. SAMPSON, C. C. BAINES, Auditors.

TORONTO, 20th OCTOBER, 1892.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the books of the Consumers' Gas Company, and that the above statements of profits and loss, and assets and liabilities, agree therewith. (Signed) WM. R. HUGHES,

Consumers' Gas Company

The Forty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Consumers Gas Company was held at the Company's Office 19 Toronto Street, on Monday, 31st October, 1892, at noon.

Present—The President, the Vice-President, M. Baldwin, James Scott, Walter S. Lee, R. Gilmor, G. R. R. Cockburn, M. A., M. P.; A. J. Somerville, I. C. Gilmor, George Gooderham, W. H. Pearson, Alderman Lamb, Henry, Cawthra, W. E. Oldham, W. N. Eastwood, Chas. E. Hooper, Hon. Frank Smith, Samuel Alcorn and T. R. Wood.

The President, having been called to the chair, read the Annual Report. He expressed his gratification at being able to present such a satisfactory statement, and remarked that he had every confidence that the Company would continue to advance year by year. A greater evidence of the prosperity of the Company could hardly be given, than the fact that the market price of its stock was higher at the present time, than at any period in the history of the Company. He spoke of the great advantage which gas possessed over electricity, in effecting a considerable saving in the cost of fuel during 7 or 8 months of the year when artificial heat was required. He concluded by referring in strongly eulogistic terms to the services rendered by the General Manager and Secretary, and said that the Company possessed throughout as efficient a staff as could be found anywhere.

On resolution of the President, seconded by the Vice-President, the Report was unanimously adopted.

A resolution of thanks to the President, Vice-President and Directors, moved by Alderman Lamb and seconded by Mr. A. J. Somerville, was carried unanimously, both the mover and seconder referring in complimentary terms to the valuable services rendered the Stockholders by the President, Vice-President and the other members of the Board.

The Vice-President, on behalf of the President and the Board, thanked the Stockholders for their resolution. He referred to the steady progress made by the Company and called attention to a diagram on the wall showing the continued increase in the output of gas during many years past, as exhibiting the best evidence of the same.

A resolution of thanks to the General Manager and Secretary and other officers and employés of the Company, moved by Mr. T. R. Wood, seconded by Dr. Larratt W. Smith, who both testified in the highest terms to the valuable services rendered by the Manager and his efficient staff, was unanimously carried.

The General Manager expressed his gratification for the complimentary terms in which the resolution had been moved, and referred to the very valuable assistance and co-operation always rendered him by the other officers and employés of the Company. He commented upon several items in the Report, and expressed his confidence as to the future prosperity of the Company.

On motion of Mr. George Gooderham, seconded by Hon. Frank Smith, Messrs. W. A. Sampson and C. C. Baines, were unanimously appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

Mr. Robert Gilmor and Mr. C. E. Hooper were appointed scrutineers, and reported the following gentlemen unanimously re-elected Directors for the ensuing year:—Samuel Alcorn, James Austin, M. Baldwin G. S. C. Bethune, Henry Cawthra, Geo. R. R. Cockburn, M.A., M.P.; I. C. Gilmor, George Gooderham, James Scott, L. W. Smith, D.C.L., Q.C.; Thos. R. Wood and Hon. Frank Smith.

At a Board Meeting held subsequently, James Austin, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, and L. W. Smith, Esq., D.C.L., Q.C.; Vice-President for the ensuing year.