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#### FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# CONSUMERS' GAS COMPANY

OF TORONTO

The Directors have pleasure in presenting to the Stockholders a Report of the transactions of the Company for the past year.

The rapidly increasing consumption of gas has rendered it necessary to make very considerable

additions to the Company's premises and plant.

Early in the year, the Directors purchased from the Executors of the late Dr. Small, the property on the north side of Front Street between Parliament and Erin Streets, 425 x 85 feet, on which has been erected a purifying house 160x52 feet, and a lime and oxide of iron shed 160x24 feet, for the Lowe process (water gas) works. These buildings are of brick, with steel frames and roofs, are fire-proof, and of a most substantial character. Within the purifying house four purifiers 30x35x5 feet, with connections, are in process of construction. The purifying plant of the coal gas works, is being duplicated by the erection of four purifiers 30x30x5 feet, now nearing completion. A new and improved system for operating these purifiers will by adopted.

Three multitubular condensers 24x6 feet for the coal gas works, have been erected, space having been left in the present buildings for these as well as the coal gas purifiers.

The office premises having become much too contracted for the Company's business, the Directors are careful consideration, decided that the best—in fact the only feasible—plan to secure the much needed accommodation would be to take down the wall between the Company's office and the Company's adjoining building, and extend the office across the whole frontage of both buildings, leaving a hall-way at the south end. It had also been found impossible to let the offices in the upper stories, owing to there not being an elevator and the lack of other accommodation. This, together with the necessity of having the floors of the buildings on the same level, and the desirability of having the front of both buildings of the same architectural design, rendered it necessary to take down and rebuild the adjoining office premises and remoded the present premises. These alterations are now approaching completion, and when finished will give the Company a commodious and handsome office, a large board room and a number of desirable offices for rental, while the whole building will be a most attractive architectural feature.

During the past year 1,388 new services have been put in, and nearly three miles of mains have been laid, making the total mileage over 245.

To meet a part of the expenditure for these extensions, and for economical reasons, the Directors have decided to avail themselves of the power conferred by the Legislature, to issue \$100,000 of debentures, payable in ten years, and bearing interest at four per cent per annum, in preference to issuing more Capital Stock.

The average illuminating power of the gas for the year was 20 candles.

The output of gas for the past year was 775,926,000 cubic feet, being 68,715,000 over that of the preceding year, which is the largest annual increase in the Company's history.

A comparative statement with that of the preceding year shows:—

|                             |      | STREET LAMPS. | METERS. | GAS RENTAL.  |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------|---------|--------------|
| Year ending 30th September, | 1899 |               | 25,460  | 8625,464 51  |
|                             | 1898 | 1,012         | 24,257  | . 568,128.51 |
| Showing an increase of      |      | 9             | 1,203 * | \$57,336.00  |

The Manager and his assistants continue to give every satisfaction, and the works are in the most efficient condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LARRATT W. SMITH.

President

### STATEMENT SHOWING PROFIT

Realized by the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto, from Oct. 1st, 1898, to Oct. 1st, 1899

|                | DR.  | \$ c.   |                | CR                                | \$ c.  |
|----------------|--|---|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1899<br>Oct. 1 | To Coal—Bituminous  "—Anthracite Oil Salaries Auditors Stationery and Advertising Insurances Supt. Works, Stokers and Engineers Parification—Materials and Wages. Lamplighting | 129,568 87<br>6,884 22<br>58,629 60<br>32,935 60<br>10,007 30<br>1,007 30<br>3,957 23<br>30,897 83<br>18,738 25<br>9,320 00<br>12,627 68<br>5,460 60<br>13,894 78<br>9,000 60<br>2,025 76 | 1899<br>Oct. 1 | By Gas Rents " Office Rents " Tar | 625,465 51<br>778 35<br>23,753 60<br>32,400 39<br>9,112 05 |
|                | " Horse Board and Expenses " Taxes " Sundries " Balance brought down   | 26,666 70<br>12,837 79<br>295,556 89<br>691,509 90  |                |                                   | 691,509 90   |
| 1899<br>Oct, 1 | To Dividends " Depreciation of plant " Profit and Loss, October 1st  | 170,000 00<br>50,000 00<br>81,364 70  | 1899<br>Oct, 1 | By Balance brought down           | 295,556 89<br>130 15<br>5,677 66                           |
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LARRATT-W. SMITH,

President.

W. H. PEARSON,

General Manager and Secretary.

Examined and found correct-

W. E. SAMPSON,
JNO. C. COPP,

Auditors.

TORONTO, 26th October, 1899.

for the

#### BALANCE SHEET

, OF THE

CONSUMERS' GAS COMPANY OF TORONTO, OCTOBER 1ST, 1899

|                | LIABILITIES.   | \$ c.                   | \$ c.                               |                | ASSETS.   | 8 c.                              |
|----------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1899<br>Oct. 1 | Capital Stock Reserve Fund Plant and Buildings Renewal Fund, 1st October, 1898 Profit and Loss | 278,039 58<br>81,364 70 |                                     | 1809<br>Oct, 1 | Works Plant and General Outlay Main Pipes and Specials Service Pipes and Fittings Retorts, Firebricks, etc Coal Oil | 1,490 33<br>25,693 92             |
| X              | Less Repairs and Renewals  | 359,404 28<br>60,273 47 |                                     |                | Coke Tar Oxide of Iron Cash   | 7.200 00<br>20,680 00<br>2,561 30 |
|                | Dividend No. 198 Dominion Bank Sundry Accounts Owing   |                         | 42,500 00<br>15,149 87<br>20,389 06 |                | Debenturess. Horses and Cónveyances Gas Accounts Owing. Sundry Accounts Owing.                                      | 123,235 60<br>2,171 19            |
|                |  |                         | 2,839,319 33                        |                |   | 2,839,319 3                       |

LARRATT W. SMITH,

President.

L.S.

W. H. PEARSON,

General Manager and Secretary.

We beg to report the completion of the audit of the books and vouchers of the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto for the year ending 1st October, 1899, and certify to their correctness.

(Signed)

W. E. SAMPSON, JNO. C. COPP, Auditors.

TORONTO, 26th October, 1809,

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## CONSUMERS' GAS COMPANY,

The Fifty-first Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto was held in the Board Room of the Building and Loan Association, Toronto Street, on Monday, October 30th, 1899, at noon, the alterations to the Company's office premises not being sufficiently advanced to afford the necessary accommodation for the meeting.

Present—Dr. Larratt W. Smith, George Gooderham, J. L. Blaikie, Thos. R. Wood, W. H. Pearson, A. J. Somerville, G. R. R. Cockburn, M.A., J. George, Thos. Long, C. C. Baines, Walter S. Lee, I. C. Gilmor, James Henderson, M.A., Miss Dickson, Samuel Alcorn, F. W. Gates, E. A. Scadding, J. Bissett and John Stark.

The President occupied the chair, and read the Report of the Directors, of which he moved the adoption. In his remarks the President stated that the Company's works were in a most efficient condition, and called attention to the economy to be effected by the issue of debentures instead of more capital stock. The motion to adopt the Report was seconded by Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn, and was carried unanimously.

A resolution of thanks to the President, Vice-President and Directors, for their efficient services during the year, was moved by Mr. John Stark, seconded by Mr. E. A. Scadding, and carried unanimously.

In moving a similar resolution of thanks to the General Manager and Secretary, and the other officers and employes of the Company, Mr. F. W. Gates referred in complimentary terms to the valuable services rendered by the General Manager, as well as by the other officers of the Company, in which, in a few remarks, the President heartily concurred. This resolution was seconded by Mr. J. George, and was carried unanimously.

The Manager expressed his appreciation of the resolution, and desired to thank Mr. Gates for the kind manner in which he had alluded to his services, and the more so from the fact of his being the President of another gas company. The Manager also spoke in high terms of the assistance which he had received from the other officers of the Company and from the office staff.

Messrs. W. E. Sampson and J. C. Copp were re-appointed Auditors for the current year.

Messrs. Walter S. Lee and C. C. Baines were appointed scrutineers, and as the result of their scrutiny reported the following gentlemen to have been unanimously re-elected Directors for the ensuing year:—Samuel Alcorn, J. L. Blaikie, Henry Cawthra, G. R. R. Cockburn, M.A., I. C. Gilmor, George Gooderham, James Henderson, M.A., Thos. Long, Larratt W. Smith, D.C.L., Q.C., Hon. Sir Frank Smith, A. J. Somerville and Thos. R. Wood.

At a Board Meeting, subsequently held, Dr. Larratt W. Smith was unanimously re-elected President, and Hon. Sir Frank Smith, Vice-President, for the ensuing year.