

# FINANCIAL FACTS

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News of the past week included a fresh reminder to business of the tremendous burden of unemployment relief and railway deficits upon the Federal treasury in the form of supplementary estimates of approximately \$125,000,000 of expenditures for the current year. The total included a round \$60,000,000 for works projects, relief grants of \$26,000,000, and \$39,900,000 for the Canadian National deficit. Knowledge that, while relief of unemployment is necessary from a social standpoint, it must be paid for by business finally in taxes is a sobering thought. As pointed out last week by the president of the Dominion's leading steel company it is a principal reason for the construction industry, a main potential source of re-employment, not recovering more rapidly. Nevertheless, the construction industry is making gradual headway, as the demonstrated ability of general business to recover in spite of obstacles is bolstering confidence. It was hampered by adverse weather in the first quarter but the volume of contemplated work is larger than for some time. These better prospects for construction and the vitality being demonstrated in our foreign trade, together with the visible vigor of spring revival in the United States, are the main reasons for confidence in most quarters that the irregularity of trends in many lines in recent months may be followed by a more positive upward surge.

As measured by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number the physical volume of business has trended slightly downward from 105.2 in January to 104.9 in February and 103.5 in March. In conjunction with these figures, however, it has to be remembered that the exceptional rapidity of the general forward movement in the closing months of 1935 called for adjustment in relation to normal seasonal conditions in some lines, that unusually severe weather conditions affected others, and that on the whole there is a large improvement as compared with last year; in short, that the figures do not necessarily point to a serious reversal of recovery which gained such strong momentum in the last half of 1935. Introduction of new automobile models in the fall of 1935, for instance, had much to do with distorting normal seasonal trends in the steel industry, in spite of which steel had its best first quarter since 1930 by a wide margin. Incidentally, new automobile sales picked up in March and were again moderately ahead of 1935 when new model sales were nearing a peak. Weather conditions severely handicapped construction activity. Lumber and mineral exports have been exceptionally large and the index of total export trade had climber from 84.3 in January to 99.3 in February and, while down to 91.0 in March, still compared with 73.8 a year ago.

Wheat shipments in April have been subject to the usual seasonal depressants but the expansion in May should be considerably larger than normal, judging from all available indications. The export supply of Australia, our principal competitor at this stage, have been reduced to below 30,000,000 bushels, so that we should continue to satisfy an increasing large proportion of total demand. Principal European growing countries have less favorable conditions than last year and stocks on hand are abnormally low, so that demand should begin to show more vitality. Soil conditions in this country are generally better than a year ago at this time.

## ASBESTOS CORP.

Sales in first three months this year reported to have shown further improvement.

## B. C. POWER

March net up \$15,757 to

\$345,162; first nine months' net up \$109,760 to \$3,377,179.

## CANADA BUD

First quarter sales understood to have shown improvement over last year.

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## CALGARY POWER

Earned \$7.87 a share preferred in 1935 and \$3.20 on common against 1934 earnings of \$11.79 and \$9.93 respectively.

## CANADA STEAMSHIPS

Bondholders' Protective Committee representing 6 per cent. first and general mortgage bonds has announced plan of capital reorganization under which first mortgage 5 per cent. debentures remain undisturbed; for each \$1,000 of general mortgage 6 per cent. bonds offer made of \$600 new 5 per cent. bonds, 8 shares new preferred and 10 shares new common; each share present preferred would receive 1 1-10 new common and each share common 1-10 new common.

## CANADIAN BRONZE

Announced that offering of \$750,000 of 5 per cent. cumulative preferred stock was heavily over-subscribed.

## CANADIAN CANNERS

Earned \$7.78 per share on 6 per cent. "A" preferred stock year ended February 29, 1936, vs. \$4.57 in previous year; balance on second preferred equal to 19c. a share in latest period; working capital up from \$3,994,690 to \$4,113,351. Offering made of \$3,500,000 refunding bonds.

## CANADIAN CELANESE

Sales so far in current year reported ahead of last year.

## CAN. HYDRO-ELECTRIC

Net equal to \$18.24 per share preferred stock in 1935 against \$19.03 in 1934; annual report indicates dividend position still beclouded.

## CANADIAN MARCONI

Earned 1.9c. in 1935 vs. 1.3c. in 1934; working capital up from \$864,535 to \$1,089,261.

## C. N. R.

Gross revenues second week April up \$44,426 to \$3,203,752.

## C. P. R.

Traffic receipts second week April up \$185,000 or 8.1 per cent. to \$2,474,000.

## CLAUDE NEON

Net loss of \$171,280 shown for 1935 after depreciation and bond interest vs. loss of \$18,569 in 1934.

## CON. SMELTERS

First quarter production figures indicate substantial increases in lead, gold and silver, with slight gain in zinc over first quarter 1935. Ore receipts at Trail Smelter first week April 10,686 tons vs. 11,986 in 1935; aggregate receipts January 1 to April 7, 134,918 tons vs. 144,749.

## ELECTROLUX

Earned around 58c. per share in first quarter 1936 against 51c. per share in similar period year ago.

## FAMOUS PLAYERS CAN.

Earned 84c. a share in 1935 vs. 80c. in 1934; net profits up from \$302,626 to \$335,265; working capital up from \$1,539,648 to \$1,772,676.

## FORD OF CANADA

Net per share capital stock equal to \$1.17 in 1935 vs. \$1.13 in 1934; subsidiary dividends offset loss on Canadian operations in 1935.

## INTERNATIONAL PETROL.

March production was 2,789,479 bbls. crude oil against 2,665,673 in same month last year; 9 months ended March 31, production 24,671,035 bbls. vs. 25,132,378 in same period last year.

## LOBLAW GROCETERIAS

Profits 4 weeks ended April 4, \$67,056 vs. \$61,145 in same period previous year; 44 weeks total \$689,157 vs. 668,579 in the same period last year.

## QUEBEC POWER

First quarter 1936 earnings equal to 24.3c. a share after allowing for estimated depreciation but before income taxes.

# INVESTMENT YIELDS

Compiled by PITFIELD & COMPANY

COMMON	Rate Div.	Price (Approx.)	Yield %
Anglo Canadian "A"	.55	10	5.58
Ben. Telephone	6.00	143 1/2	4.18
B. A. Oil	.80	23 1/2	3.40
B. C. Power A	1.60	29 1/4	5.47
Building Prod. A	1.00	36	2.78
Can. Malting	1.50	31 3/4	4.72
Can. Nor. Power	1.20	23 1/2	5.11
Can. Bronze	.60	29	1.54
Can. Converters	1.20	23 7/8	7.17
Can. Cottons	4.00	49	8.16
Can. For. Invest.	1.20	5	5.33
Dominion Bridge	5.00	72	6.94
Dominion Textile	.50	22	2.27
Imperial Oil	52 1/2	13 1/2	3.88
International Nickel	1.00	46 1/4	3.16
Inter. Pete	*1.50	36 1/4	4.14
McCull Frontenac	.80	16 1/2	4.85
Montreal Power	1.20	31	4.84
Montreal Tramways	9.00	87	10.34
National Breweries	1.60	43 3/4	3.74
Ogilvie	8.00	225	3.56
Ottawa Power	6.00	82 1/2	6.39
Page-Hersey	3.00	85 3/4	3.50
Penmans	3.00	50	6.00
Quebec Power	1.00	17 1/2	5.71
Shawinigan	.60	21 1/4	2.82
Steel of Canada	1.75	62 3/4	2.79
<b>BANKS</b>			
Montreal	8.00	188	4.26
Nova Scotia	12.00	282	4.26
Canadian-Nationale	8.00	135	5.93
Commerce	8.00	149 1/4	5.36
Royal	8.00	167 1/4	4.78
<b>PREFERRED</b>			
Anglo Canadian Pfd	3.50	53	6.60
Can. Nor. Power	7.00	110	6.36
Can. Bronze	7.00	109 1/2	6.39
Can. Celanese	7.00	118 1/4	5.92
Can. Cottons	6.00	100 1/4	5.99
Can. For. Inv.	8.00	107	7.48
Dominion Textile	7.00	144	4.86
Goodyear	2.50	54	4.63
Jamaica Pub. Ser	7.00	125	5.60
Mont. Cottons	7.00	94	7.45
National Breweries	1.75	42 3/4	4.09
Ogilvie	7.00	160	4.38
Ottawa Power	6.50	101	6.43
Penmans	6.00	120 1/2	4.98
Power Corporation	6.00	99	6.06
So. Can. Power	6.00	98 1/2	6.09
Steel of Canada	1.75	59 1/2	2.94
Tuckett Tobacco	7.00	150	4.67
Walker-Gooderhan	1.00	18 1/4	5.48

\* Does not include extras.

## ROBERT MITCHELL CO.

Net loss of \$49,000 shown for 1935 after all charges vs. \$112,345 in 1934.

## SHAWINIGAN

Earned 24.38c. per share after depreciation in first quarter

against the 15c. dividend paid in period and comparing with 21.7c. earned per share in first quarter 1935.

## SOUTHERN CANADA POWER

March net down \$1,702 to \$98,613. Six months net down \$10,328 to \$647,394.

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