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Algoma Central Railway

and Principal Subsidiary Companies

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About the Company

Incorporated in 1899, the Company operated for many years primarily as a wilderness railroad to transport iron ore and forest products out of Northern Ontario. In recent years Algoma Central has become a diversified transportation company moving cargo by water, rail and road. It operates a fleet of thirteen dry-bulk-cargo vessels principally on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway. Its main railway Ste. Marie and serves the natural resource, manufacturing and tourist industries of the Algoma region of Northern Ontario. Algoma Central's fleet of trucks carries general cargo on routes extending from Detroit, Michigan and Buffalo, New York to Toronto, Ontario and Montreal, Quebec. Algoma Central also has developed commercial real estate complexes in Sault Ste. Marie and Elliot Lake, Ontario. In addition the Company owns approximately 850,000 acres of land, including mineral and timber rights, in the Algoma region.

Comparative Highlights

For the Year	1981	1980
Revenue	\$155,117,000	\$132,474,000
Net income	\$ 9,424,000	\$ 10,442,000
Operating expenses to revenue	80.8%	79.4%
Cash flow	\$ 31,842,000	\$ 29,081,000
Fixed asset additions	\$ 44,796,000	\$ 37,453,000
Average number of common shares outstanding	3,431,000	3,324,000
Net income per common share	\$ 2.75	\$ 3.14
Dividends paid per common share	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.10
Cash flow per common share	\$ 9.28	\$ 8.75
At December 31		
Total assets	\$268,362,000	\$232,549,000
Shareholders' equity	\$ 86,060,000	\$ 78,370,000
Long-term debt	\$ 96,902,000	\$ 80,959,000
Long-term debt to shareholders' equity	113%	103%
Common shares outstanding	3,506,000	3,377,000
Equity per common share	\$ 24.55	\$ 23.21
Working capital	\$ 8,918,000	\$ 6,954,000

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held Thursday, April 15, 1982 at 11:00 a.m. in the Holiday Inn, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.



To our shareholders

The generally slow economy, which persisted during 1981, made the year a difficult and challenging period for Algoma Central Railway. Shortages of available tonnage in all our transportation Divisions caused increases in expense ratios and, along with high interest payments, reduced the year's net income. In spite of these factors, a concerted effort by employees at all levels of the Company produced overall results that compared favourably with others in our industry.

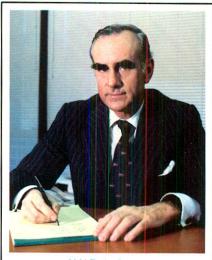
Consolidated revenue for the 12-month period ended December 31, 1981 was \$155,117,000, approximately 17% greater than the revenue level of \$132,474,000 for the previous year. Although all Divisions set new revenue records, the major increase occurred in the Marine Division as a result of the addition of a new vessel, the *M/V Algowood*, in April of 1981.

Consolidated net income for 1981 declined to \$9,424,000 (\$2.75 per share) from the \$10,442,000 (\$3.14 per share) earned in 1980. This decline occurred chiefly as a result of higher interest charges which were more than \$5,300,000 greater in 1981 than in the previous year.

Cash flow, a very important factor in our financial health, again reached a record high in 1981 (\$31,842,000 vs. \$29,081,000 in 1980) thus continuing the pattern

of annual increases since 1974. These internally generated funds allowed the Company to invest in excess of \$44,700,000, another record, on fixed asset additions to expand capacity, improve productivity and replace older facilities, with little impact on our long-term debt/shareholders' equity ratio. Major expenditures during the year included \$22,908,000 as final payments on the M/V Algowood and advance payments on the vessel M/V Algowest which is scheduled for delivery to us in July of 1982. Approximately \$10,100,000 was expended on the railroad primarily to purchase six new locomotives and 23 woodchip cars and to upgrade 10 miles of rail right-ofway to 115-pound rail. Our Real Estate Division paid out almost \$5,400,000 to complete Station Mall Phase II which opened in August of 1981. About \$2,400,000 was expended by our Trucking Division, with their main acquisition being a 134,000-square foot warehouse building in Windsor, Ontario.

Dividends paid to shareholders in 1981 increased 9% to \$1.20 per share from the \$1.10 per share paid in 1980. It was gratifying to us that our shareholders reinvested. through the Stock Dividend and Dividend Reinvestment plans which were introduced by the Company in 1980, 61% of the total dividend payout in 1981. This important source of equity capital is very beneficial at this time because of the very large investments currently being made to expand our marine fleet. Shareholders wishing to obtain



H.N.R. Jackman



L.N. Savoie

information on these plans, or to make an election thereunder, are directed to the appropriate address shown on the inside back cover of this Annual Report.

We reported one year ago that the Company made a \$1.9 million investment in a real estate joint venture in Florida to build 648 condominium units on a very desirable beach-front site. This project is proceeding on schedule and budget. Construction commenced in 1981 on the first 108-unit building and is scheduled to be completed in early 1983. As of January 1982 more than 60% of these units were pre-sold. The project, named "Island Dunes", is located on Hutchinson Island near Stuart, Florida. When completed, this complex will contain 648 units together with amenities including a nine-hole executive golf course.

The sale of our 50% interest in Viking Helicopters Limited was approved by the Canadian Transport Commission in early 1981. After two years exposure to the helicopter rental business, we concluded that it was not compatible with our other transportation businesses.

Our outlook for 1982, in all of our activities, is clouded with much uncertainty. The direction of the current recession, the future of interest rates and the final outcome of the recent Federal Budget proposals all make forecasting very difficult. The current consensus, including forecasts from many of

our larger industrial customers, is that the economy will remain slow during the first half with a turnaround commencing about midyear. The performance of our Rail and Trucking Divisions rely heavily on the economy in general and should follow this scenario.

On the Great Lakes. commodities such as grain, salt and steam coal are very significant to the Marine Division and seem to fluctuate in volume somewhat independently of the general economy. We are therefore confident that, with the contracts we have in place for movement of these materials, our marine fleet will be fully occupied throughout the season. Its overall financial performance will depend on the movement of iron ore and building aggregates which serve in many instances to provide backhauls.

The threat of over 20% interest rates before year end and the budget proposal to reduce first-year capital cost allowances could significantly affect our overall performance in the current year and result in the deferral of future investment decisions until some indication of stability returns.

In October 1981, Charles F.W. Burns, C.M., retired from the Board of Directors after serving for 22 years. We acknowledge his valuable contributions to the affairs of the Company over that period and wish him well in his retirement. Following his departure, the Board was pleased to welcome H. Michael Burns as a new director to carry on the long, Burns family association with the Company.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish to express our appreciation for the dedicated efforts of all employees and to thank our shareholders and customers for their continued support.

Chairman of the Board

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President

Marine operations

Marine Division operating results in 1981 improved over the preceding year with gross revenue reaching a record level of \$79,791,000, 20% higher than the previous year. Total tonnage moved by our fleet of 13 vessels was 14,308,000 tons, an increase of 5% over 1980.

A major factor contributing to improved revenue was the addition to our fleet of the *M/V Algowood*. This vessel, a maximum Seaway-size self-unloading bulk carrier, went into service immediately after being delivered to us by Canadian Shipbuilding and Engineering Limited, Collingwood, Ontario in early April, and was fully utilized until the end of the 1981 shipping season.

Exclusive of this new vessel, our 1981 results would show decreased tonnage and marginally increased revenue over 1980. This reflects the deteriorating economic climate which developed during 1981. Current signs indicate this will continue to be a factor in 1982. Since lake transportation is highly dependent upon the users of large volumes of bulk raw materials, the present downturn indicated in industries such as steel and construction will have a negative effect on our level of activity in 1982.

At the same time, we anticipate the movement of Canadian grain to continue at a high level in 1982 and the Company is well positioned to take advantage of this situation. In addition to the three bulk vessels already dedicated to the grain trade, the Marine Division will receive delivery of Hull 226, our fourth maximum Seaway-size bulk carrier, in July 1982. To be christened the "M/V Algowest", this vessel will be under long-term contract to carry grain for the Canadian Wheat Board.

The Company also has a maximum Seaway-size self-unloading bulk carrier on order which is due to be delivered in June 1983. Both of these new vessels are eligible for the Shipbuilding Industry Assistance Program subsidy and will represent a capital investment by us of approximately \$72,000,000.

New labour agreements, which will expire May 31, 1984, were negotiated in 1981 with the three marine unions representing our shipboard personnel. In addition, a number of our major customers renegotiated labour contracts in 1981. As a result, we anticipate 1982 will be relatively free from labour-related disruptions to ship movements.

In 1981, the Company embarked on a program to modify its fleet of vessels so that they will conform to current fire-safety and sewage treatment standards as determined by the Canadian Coast Guard. This program will continue for at least another four years and will require a total expenditure in excess of \$3,000,000. The safety of our crews and the proper regard for the environment in which they work make these expenditures imperative and will ensure that our fleet remains the newest and most modern on the Great Lakes.

The activities of the Marine Division in 1982 and beyond are viewed with some apprehension. Inflation and high interest rates will have a noticeable impact on our profitability as increases in operating costs outpace the freight-rate levels we are able to obtain. Of equal concern is the number of recent governmental decisions which will have a detrimental effect on the shipping industry. The most significant of these are the reduction in the Shipbuilding Industry Assistance Program subsidy from 20% to 9% for all vessels ordered after July 1, 1980 and the proposal in the Federal Budget of November 12, 1981 to limit the capital cost allowance, in the year an asset is acquired, to one-half the amount otherwise available.

Water transportation is an integral



P.R. Cresswell Vice President and General Manager Marine Division

part of the economy of our country. For example, the Canadian fleet of Great Lakes vessels carried in excess of 100 million tons of bulk commodities in 1981. With continually increasing energy costs and with water transport significantly more fuel efficient than other modes of transportation, government initiatives would be better directed to the support of the marine shipping industry rather than to the creation of retrogressive policies which will inhibit the growth of the Canadian fleet.

The activities of Herb Fraser and Associates Limited, our ship repair subsidiary located in Port Colborne, Ontario, continued to provide a valuable service to the Great Lakes fleets, including our own. This company is especially skilled in repairing and maintaining shipboard self-unloading systems. The continuing growth in the number of self-unloading bulk vessels on the Great Lakes portends a very positive future for this facility.





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Marine — Net tons carried (thousands)						
	Ore	Coal and Coke	Grain	Other	Totals	
1981	3,688	3,212	1,478	5,930	14,308	
1980	3,518	2,250	1,621	6,242	13,631	
1979	4,185	2,227	1,195	7,119	14,726	
1978	4,040	1,297	1,185	5,944	12,466	
1977	4,115	1,368	1,337	5,332	12,152	
1976	3,036	1,042	1,188	5,170	10,436	
1975	2,999	1,078	1,413	4,854	10,344	
1974	2,707	695	1,090	3,950	8,442	
1973	2,950	1,233	1,590	3,858	9,631	
1972	2,589	1,361	1,684	2,602	8,236	

M/V Algowood undergoing sea trials.
 Hull 226 under construction.

Rail operations

A record level of passenger travel occurred during 1981 and total freight tonnage remained fairly stable. Expenses increased slightly more than revenue, resulting in a small decline in operating results.

Increases in steel products, woodpulp, paper and by-products contributed to a record level for manufactured tonnage. The proportion of mining tonnage continued to decline as a result of production factors and major maintenance work by our customers. The economic climate has a detrimental effect on forestry traffic resulting in a continuation of the tonnage deterioration experienced since 1978. These trends can be observed in the chart of net tons carried, shown on the next page.

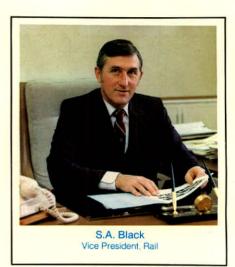
Excellent weather and a combination of the promotional efforts by the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism and ourselves resulted in a record 106,200 people experiencing the Agawa Canyon Train Tour (4% more than 1980 and 2,800 more than the 1979 record). Winter storms on two key weekends and severe temperatures on one weekend prevented us from setting a record for passengers taking the Snow Train Tour. However, the 10,000 who did travel represented the second highest level of passengers on record. Passenger travel on the Tour-of-the-Line, between Sault Ste. Marie and Hearst, was also at the highest level with 2,700 passengers, 17% more than in 1980, taking the trip. The Government of Canada has finalized payments toward operating losses to the end of 1979 from regular passenger train service, which the Canadian Transport Commission requires that we provide. Allowances for ongoing losses are being received monthly.

Applications for recreational use of our lands have continued at a high level. While interest in mineral exploration continues, inquiries about industrial lands have been somewhat less during the past year. Discussions about a rail-serviced industrial park in Sault Ste. Marie and the multi-use of resource and recreational lands are continuing with regulatory authorities. Although the results of an exploration joint venture, undertaken during 1980, in connection with a gold deposit have not been encouraging, further exploration work is scheduled. Currently, several firms have exploration programs in other areas on our lands.

Employees have continued to work conscientiously toward safe, efficient and quality operations and they are commended for their efforts in this regard. Labour contracts with all nine labour organizations expired on December 31, 1981. Negotiations for new contracts are proceeding satisfactorily in concert with the railway industry and our labour-management relations continue at a high level.

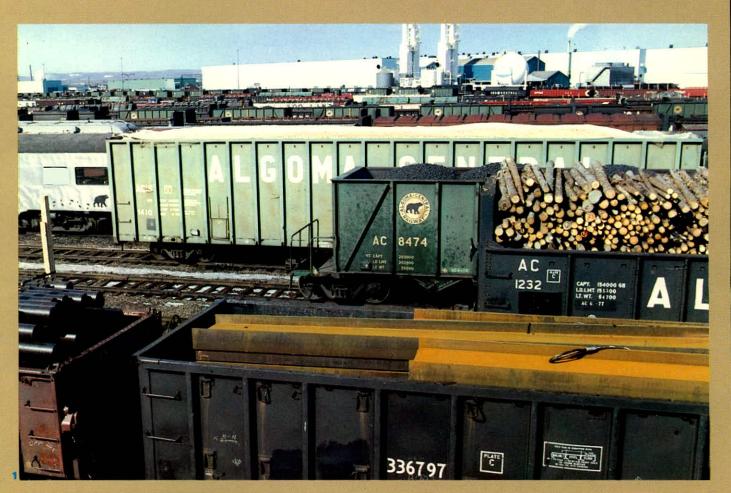
Fixed assets were upgraded during the year as planned. Six GP-38 locomotives were added to the fleet early in the summer. This enabled the Company to retire 12 older units and to reduce the working fleet from 34 to 28 locomotives which in turn offered increased fuel efficiencies.

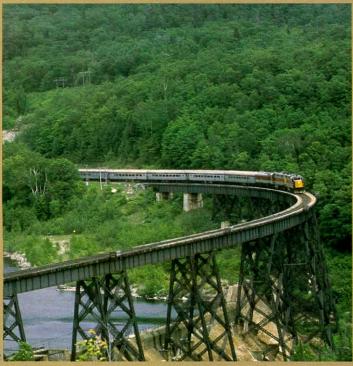
Twenty-three woodchip cars were also put into service. The program to install 115-pound rail on the Soo Subdivision started with 10 miles being upgraded



during 1981 and a further 16 miles scheduled for 1982. Other capital expenditures contributing to the total of \$10,100,000 in 1981 went toward modernizing and upgrading equipment and facilities. Investments of \$5,700,000 planned for 1982, which include the rail program mentioned above, are similarly oriented to replacement and productivity improvements.

Fuel prices increasing at a greater rate than the general level of inflation, wage levels under negotiation and the general economic climate will present challenges during 1982. Indications are that freight tonnages will weaken but passenger travel will be strong. Competitive pricing action will combine with cost controls to minimize adverse results in the current year.





	Mining	Manu- facturing	Forestry	Totals	
1981	1,993	1,296	455	3,744	8
1980	2,053	1,130	515	3,698	
1979	2,383	1,139	545	4,067	
1978	2,382	984	566	3,932	×
1977	2,338	832	492	3,662	
1976	2,434	831	484	3,749	
1975	1,881	683	281	2,845	8
1974	3,194	1,027	474	4,695	
1973	2,875	1,056	506	4,437	Ī
1972	2,561	994	504	4,059	10

Railway cars in Sault Ste. Marie marshalling yard.
 Agawa Canyon Train Tour winding its way through picturesque Algoma country.

Trucking operations

Reflecting weakness in the economy, trucking operations continued with turbulent patterns in 1981. The current interest rate environment has exerted severe pressure on profits in this industry and has depressed both consumer and business activity. Truckload volume decreased during the year while less-than-truckload volume increased. This resulted in a small decline in total tonnage carried compared with 1980. Revenue growth reflected improved freight mix, positive rate actions and greater emphasis on obtaining more compensatory freight.

Better equipment utilization achieved during the year and a preventive maintenance program that produced savings in equipment repairs, along with a continuing emphasis on productivity improvements and cost controls, resulted in significant expense reductions and higher operating profit in 1981.

During the year, we received the appropriate authorities to operate over the Niagara River Gateway, within the Buffalo, New York commercial zone and to and from the Port Huron,

Michigan commercial zone. We now are actively developing traffic to and from the Buffalo area which we expect will generate substantial revenues in the future. These operations are being conducted from terminal premises leased in Tonawanda, New York.

In January 1982, the Interstate Commerce Commission advised that they will extend the Thibodeau-Finch operating authorities within the United States to include New York, Michigan and eight contiguous states. We anticipate this will add significantly to our international hauls.

Warehousing operations exceeded our expectations for revenue and operating income in 1981, reflecting strong demand for public warehouse space in London, Chatham, and particularly Sarnia. During the year, a 134,000-square foot warehouse building in Windsor was purchased bringing total leasable space for the Division to 402,000 square feet.

Collective labour agreements for employees of Thibodeau-Finch in the United States and Ontario will expire March 31, 1982 and October 31, 1982 respectively. As a result of depressed



L.J. Thibodeau
President
Thibodeau-Finch Express Limited

industry conditions, the Teamsters Union in the United States has agreed with a management request to begin bargaining at an early date and we expect a new contract will be in effect when the current one expires.

Our outlook for 1982 anticipates continued strength in warehousing operations with improved utilization of the new Windsor warehouse. We are optimistic that trucking operations will improve in 1982 if the expected economic recovery in the last half of the year is realized.



A Thibodeau-Finch tractor and trailer with the Renaissance Center in Detroit shown in the background.

Real Estate operations

Total revenue from all properties grew by 35% in 1981 to \$6,161,000 from \$4,550,000 in 1980. This reflects a full year of operation for the Algo Centre which opened during 1980. It also reflects the Phase II expansion to Station Mall which opened in August 1981, as scheduled. Operating income (income before interest expense and income taxes) increased significantly as a result of the higher revenue.

The Algo Centre is a commercial complex located on a 12-acre site in Elliot Lake, Ontario. It consists of a multi-level shopping centre totalling 176,000 square feet of leasable space, 9,900 square feet of office space and an 87-room hotel. The hotel, with lounge and restaurant, is operated by Algocen Realty. As a result of the poor business climate and delays in the

construction of new housing in Elliot Lake, the leasing of mall space to date is below our original expectations, although, it is over 85% leased at this time. Five hundred new homes were built at the new town site in 1981 and a total of 1,500 additional homes are planned for construction in 1982 and 1983. The anticipated population growth will add to the retail market available to our merchant tenants. Retail sales per square foot during the last six months of 1981 were an encouraging 29% higher than those during the corresponding 1980 period.

In Sault Ste. Marie, the 126,000-square foot addition to Station Mall opened on schedule in August of 1981 and increased the size of the shopping centre to 364,000 square feet of leasable floor space.



N.J. Hirt
Vice President and General Manager
Algocen Realty Holdings Limited

Zellers' department store, with 67,000 square feet, is the anchor. Thirty-three new stores were added, bringing the total number of tenants to eighty-three. The fashion-oriented tenant mix is proving to be strong with sales significantly above the national average. The six-storey office tower, the 102-unit apartment building and the 200-room Holiday Inn, all in Sault Ste. Marie, are fully leased with revenues up to expectations. Further real estate developments are not planned at this time.





- 1 View of Station Mall Phase II and some of our new tenants
- 2 Station Mall fast food eatery which was expanded and redecorated in 1981.

Financial review

The accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto have been prepared by management. Where estimates or approximations have been used, they were based upon careful judgment and information available up to February 26, 1982. In management's opinion, the financial statements have been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality.

The second note to the financial statements describes two accounting changes made in 1981. The first, regarding the accounting treatment of certain payments from the Government of Canada, was made because the method to determine these payments was finally established during 1981. The second, dealing with the capitalization of certain interest payments, was made to conform with the generally accepted accounting practice of capitalizing such interest where it is significant. This latter change was not made retroactively as information relating to all prior years is not available.

At year end, capital commitments totalling approximately \$67,000,000 were outstanding; \$58,400,000 for vessels under construction, \$4,300,000 for vessel productivity and safety standard improvements, \$3,700,000 for railway track upgrading and \$600,000 for new highway tractors. Approximately \$22,000,000 of the total will be spent in 1982; the balance of \$45,000,000 in 1983.

Long-term debt was 113% of shareholders' equity at December 31, 1981 (67% of shareholders' equity plus deferred income taxes). As a general policy, we restrict long-term debt to 100% of shareholders' equity. While this precept was exceeded at year end, our projections, reflecting existing anticipated capital commitments, show that these percentages will decline significantly from this level over the next few years.

At the same time, volatile interest rates, which are the subject of much discussion in the financial press, are a problem for us. We continue to seek an opportunity to obtain more fixed-rate longer term financing at acceptable rates.

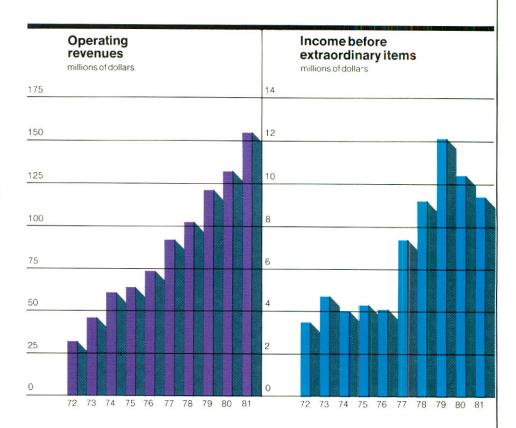
On November 12, 1981, the Minister of Finance announced a number of proposed changes to income tax legislation which would retroactively affect many taxpayers. With regard to the vessel we ordered in 1979 and will receive from the Canadian shipbuilder in 1983, one proposed change alone would reduce our cash flow by \$3,700,000 in 1983. We have strongly objected to these retroactive changes which create uncertainty in Canada and play havoc with long-range business plans.



R.G. Topp Vice President, Finance



T.B. Gillespie
Treasurer and Corporate
Development Manager



Algoma Central Railway

Consolidated Statement of Income and Retained Income

Year ended December 31, 1981	1981	1980
Revenue		
Marine	\$ 79,791,000	\$ 66,442,000
Rail	36,562,000	32,184,000
Trucking	32,603,000	29,298,000
Real Estate	6,161,000	4,550,000
	155,117,000	132,474,000
Expenses		
Operations	104,396,000	86,812,000
Depreciation and amortization	13,176,000	11,079,000
Administrative and general	7,835,000	7,261,000
	125,407,000	105,152,000
Income from Operations	29,710,000	27,322,000
Other Expenses (Income)		
Equity in earnings of associated companies	(60,000)	(82,000)
Other income	(633,000)	(525,000)
Interest	12,812,000	7,510,000
	12,119,000	6,903,000
Income before Income Taxes	17,591,000	20,419,000
Income Taxes	8,167,000	9,977,000
Net Income	9,424,000	10,442,000
Retained Income, Beginning of Year		
As previously reported	66,398,000	59,754,000
Accounting change — Note 2	1,054,000	1,014,000
As restated	67,452,000	60,768,000
	76,876,000	71,210,000
Dividends	4,143,000	3,758,000
Retained Income, End of Year	\$ 72,733,000	\$ 67,452,000
Earnings per Share	\$2.75	\$3.14

Consolidated Balance Sheet

December 31, 1981	1981	1980
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 195,000	\$ 246,000
Accounts receivable	20,516,000	17,463,000
Materials and supplies	6,285,000	7,201,000
Prepaid expenses	1,395,000	1,594,000
Income taxes recoverable	2,321,000	<u> </u>
	30,712,000	26,504,000
Accident Compensation Fund	843,000	677,000
Investments — Note 3	4,378,000	4,700,000
Forest Lands — at nominal value	1,000	1,000
Fixed Assets — Note 4	226,931,000	195,347,000
Other Assets — Note 5	5,497,000	5,320,000

Approved by the Board:

Director

\$268,362,000

\$232,549,000

(Incorporated by Special Act of the	e Parliament of Canada)	
	1981	1980
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities Bank indebtedness	\$ 2,665,000	\$ 2,073,000
Accounts payable and accrued charges	15,807,000	13,530,000
Income taxes	_	198,000
Current portion of long-term debt	2,131,000	2,736,000
Dividend payable	1,191,000	1,013,000
	21,794,000	19,550,000
Provision for Accident Compensation	843,000	677,000
Provision for Vessel Maintenance	3,946,000	2,999,000
Deferred Income Taxes — Note 7	58,807,000	49,984,000
ong-Term Debt — Note 6	96,902,000	80,959,000
Minority Interest in Subsidiary Company	10,000	10,000
	182,302,000	154,179,000
Shareholders' Equity — Note 8		
Share Capital		
Authorized		
170,000 preferred shares, par value \$50 each		
5,000,000 common shares, par value \$2 each		
Issued and fully paid	7.040.000	6.750.000
3,506,000 common shares (1980 — 3,377,000)	7,012,000 6,315,000	6,753,000 4,165,000
Contributed Surplus Retained Income	72,733,000	67,452,000
Retained income	86,060,000	78,370,000
	80,000,000	78,370,000
	\$268,362,000	\$232,549,000

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Financial Position

Year ended December 31, 1981	1981	1980
Sources of Working Capital		
Operations		
Net income	\$ 9,424,000	\$10,442,000
Items not affecting working capital		
Depreciation and amortization	13,176,000	11,079,000
Deferred income taxes	8,823,000	7,490,000
Provision for vessel maintenance	947,000	433,000
Gain on sale of fixed assets	(468,000)	(281,000)
Equity in earnings of associated companies	(60,000)	(82,000)
	31,842,000	29,081,000
Increase in long-term debt	18,729,000	14,865,000
Dividends reinvested — Note 8	2,409,000	2,382,000
Proceeds on sale of fixed assets	585,000	412,000
Investments	382,000	
	53,947,000	46,740,000
Uses of Working Capital		
Additions to fixed assets	44,796,000	37,453,000
Investments	_	1,827,000
Repayment of long-term debt	2,786,000	3,114,000
Dividends	4,143,000	3,758,000
Other	258,000	83,000
	51,983,000	46,235,000
Increase in Working Capital	1,964,000	505,000
Working Capital, Beginning of Year		
As previously reported	5,900,000	5,435,000
Accounting change — Note 2	1,054,000	1,014,000
As restated	6,954,000	6,449,000
Working Capital, End of Year	\$ 8,918,000	\$ 6,954,000

Auditors' Report

Deloitte Haskins+Sells

To the Shareholders of Algoma Central Railway:

We have examined the consolidated balance sheet of Algoma Central Railway as at December 31, 1981 and the consolidated statements of income and retained income and of changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 1981 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied, except for the changes in methods of accounting for interest costs during construction and payments receivable from the Government of Canada explained in Note 2, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Deloite Harkins Nells

Chartered Accountants
Toronto, Canada
February 26, 1982

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 1981

1. Significant Accounting Policies

The consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Canada and include the accounts of Algoma Central Railway and its subsidiary companies, reflect the following policies:

Materials and supplies:

Materials and supplies are valued at cost determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

Investments:

The Company accounts for its investment in the common shares of associated companies and in the real estate joint venture on the equity basis

Fixed assets.

Fixed assets are stated at cost. The depreciation policy of the Company is to write off the cost of fixed assets other than land over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis, except for the buildings and site improvements owned by the real estate subsidiary. The cost of these latter assets is written off on the sinking-fund basis over thirty-five years at 5% compounded annually.

Goodwill:

Goodwill on the acquisition of subsidiaries is allocated to assets where applicable and any excess is then amortized over periods not exceeding twenty years.

Deferred exploration and development expenditures:

Exploration and development expenditures incurred in connection with mining projects are deferred pending a decision as to the commercial viability of a project. Deferred expenditures relating to projects deemed commercially viable will be capitalized as mining properties and mineral rights and subsequently depleted on a unit-of-production method. Deferred expenditures relating to projects abandoned are written off at the time of abandonment.

Deferred charges:

Deferred charges are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related asset or liability.

Earnings per share:

Earnings per share are calculated using the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year.

Foreign currencies:

Foreign currency amounts are translated to Canadian dollars as follows: Current assets and current liabilities — at the exchange rate prevailing at the year end.

Income and expenses — at rates approximating the exchange rates prevailing on the dates of the transactions.

Non-current assets, accumulated depreciation and long-term debt — at exchange rates prevailing at the time of acquisition or issue.

2. Accounting Changes

Passenger train revenue - Note 9:

In 1981 the Company changed, on a retroactive basis, from the cash to the accrual method for recording payments receivable from the Government of Canada in respect of passenger train service between Sault Ste. Marie and Hearst, Ontario. As a result of this change, retained income at December 31, 1980 increased from that originally reported by \$1,054,000 net of applicable income taxes. Of the latter amount, \$40,000 is applicable to 1980 and has been credited to income of that year; the remaining \$1,014,000 is applicable to years prior thereto and has been added to retained income at January 1, 1980. The effect of this change reduced 1981 net income by \$869,000. Working capital at the beginning of the year also has been restated as a result of this change.

Capitalized interest:

In prior years the Company followed the practice of capitalizing interest on funds borrowed directly to finance real estate projects during the construction period. Commencing in 1981 the Company adopted the practice of capitalizing interest incurred on funds borrowed directly to finance other fixed asset acquisitions during the construction period. As a result of this change, which has not been applied retroactively as information relating to prior years is not available, interest of \$1,269,000 has been capitalized to December 31, 1981.

3. Investments

	Share of Ownership	Carr	ying Value
		1981	1980
Associated companies:			
Viking Helicopters Limited		\$ -	\$2,025,000
All Canadian-American			
Investments Limited	33.6%	647,000	587,000
Real estate joint venture	50.0%	2,001,000	1,856,000
Long-term receivables		1,563,000	43,000
Other		167,000	189,000
		\$4,378,000	\$4,700,000

During the year the Company disposed of its interest in Viking Helicopters Limited for cash and a secured long-term receivable. There was no significant gain or loss on the transaction.

Notes continued

4. Fixed A	ssets				
1981					
			Depreciable	Accumulated	
		Land	Assets	Depreciation	Net
Marine	\$	55,000	\$193,684,000	\$50,204,000	\$143,535,000
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	Land	Depreciable Assets	Accumulated Depreciation	Net
Marine	\$ 55,000	\$193,684,000	\$50,204,000	\$143,535,000
Rail	608,000	63,520,000	33,689,000	30,439,000
Trucking	1,768,000	29,450,000	13,240,000	17,978,000
Real Estate	784,000	36,800,000	2,605,000	34,979,000
	\$3,215,000	\$323,454,000	\$99,738,000	\$226,931,000

	1980				
	Land	Depreciable Assets	Accumulated Depreciation	Net	
Marine	\$ 55,000	\$166,877,000	\$41,596,000	\$125,336,000	
Rail	608,000	56,822,000	35,121,000	22,309,000	
Trucking	1,336,000	27,713,000	11,469,000	17,580,000	
Real Estate	eal Estate 784,000	31,345,000	2,007,000	30,122,000	
	\$2,783,000	\$282,757,000	\$90,193,000	\$195,347,000	

5. Other Assets - at cost less amounts amortized

	1981	1980
Licences and related goodwill	\$3,410,000	\$3,350,000
Deferred exploration and development	1,074,000	1,059,000
Deferred charges	1,013,000	911,000
	\$5,497,000	\$5,320,000

6. Long-Term Debt		
	1981	1980
Bank loans and acceptances	\$65,660,000	\$46,932,000
83/4% first mortgage sinking fund bonds,		
Series B, due June 1, 1991	5,400,000	6,000,000
9%% first mortgage sinking fund bonds,		
Series C, due October 17, 1997	13,400,000	13,870,000
9% blended payment bonds, due January		
1, 1999 — secured	7,175,000	7,439,000
101/4% mortgage, repayable in equal		
monthly blended payments of \$18,000,		
due November 15, 1982	1,881,000	1,910,000
101/4% mortgage, repayable in equal		
monthly blended payments of \$17,000,		
due June 1, 1988	1,905,000	1,913,000
91/2% promissory notes, repayable in equal		
annual instalments of \$517,000, due		
September 30, 1982 — secured	-	517,000
11%% mortgage, repayable in equal		
monthly blended payments of \$10,000,		
due May 1, 1995	838,000	868,000
Transport equipment loans — secured	40, .(C	38,000
Amounts payable in respect of construction		
in progress which will be converted to		
long-term debt in subsequent period	277,000	1,050,000
7½% capitalized leases, expiring by	200,000	400,000
November 30, 1986	366,000	422,000
	\$96,902,000	\$80,959,000

Interest on long-term debt amounted to \$12,615,000 in 1981 (1980 -\$7,372,000). Bond discount amortized amounted to \$21,000 in 1981 (1980 - \$20,000). Anticipated principal repayments during the next five years are as follows:

1982	 \$2,131,000
1983	 \$2,644,000
1984	 \$2,346,000
1985	 \$1,862,000
1986	\$1,907,000

Sinking fund principal requirements are \$600,000 annually for the years 1982 to 1990, inclusive, for the Series B bonds and \$800,000 annually for the years 1982 to 1996, inclusive, for the Series C bonds. The Company has purchased \$585,000 Series B and \$426,000 Series C bonds which qualify for application against future sinking fund requirements.

The 9% blended payment bonds are repayable in semi-annual instalments of \$412,000 including interest and principal plus annual supplementary principal payments based upon revenue from the collateral property. The supplementary amount due in 1982 is \$102,000.

The Company intends to refinance the 101/4% mortgage due November 15, 1982 prior to its maturity date and accordingly it has not been included in current liabilities.

The Company arranges bank borrowings with various maturities according to requirements. The amounts shown as long-term debt consist of a series of loans which require repayment commencing in 1983. The weighted average interest rate is 17.4%. As security for certain bank loans, the Company has pledged shares of certain subsidiary companies.

7. Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for on the tax-allocation basis. Timing differences creating deferred income taxes result primarily from claiming capital cost allowances in excess of depreciation in the accounts.

Investment tax credits are accounted for by the modified flow-through method whereby the reduction in current income taxes payable is applied in part to increase deferred income taxes, \$321,000 in 1981 (1980 -\$176,000) and in part to reduce income tax expense, \$321,000 in 1981 (1980 - \$164,000). Unused investment tax credits available to reduce current income taxes in future years amount to \$2,739,000.

8. Shareholders' Equity

Share capital and contributed surplus:

Common shareholders may elect under the dividend reinvestment plan to reinvest cash dividends in common shares or under the stock dividend plan to receive dividends in the form of common shares. During the year, 129,000 shares were issued pursuant to these plans for an aggregate consideration of \$2,409,000 of which \$259,000 was applied to common share capital and \$2,150,000 to contributed surplus.

Dividend restrictions:

Dividends on the common shares are restricted pursuant to the second supplemental mortgage trust deed. Consolidated shareholders' equity not subject to this restriction is \$46,060,000.

9. Passenger Train Service

Pursuant to the Railway Act, the Canadian Transport Commission has ordered the Company to provide passenger train service between Sault Ste. Marie and Hearst, Ontario. Eighty percent of any losses incurred in providing this service is recoverable from the Government of Canada. The amount included in revenue in 1981 is \$1,963,000 (1980 — \$1,883,000) — Note 2.

10. Segmented Information

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	Transportation	Real Estate	Corporate	Total
Revenue	\$148,956,000	\$ 6,161,000	\$ -	\$155,117,000
Income from operations	\$ 26,451,000	\$ 3,259,000	\$ -	\$ 29,710,000
Deduct (add): Interest				12,812,000
Equity earn- ings				(60,000
Other incom	ie			(633,000
Income taxe	S			8,167,000
Net income				\$ 9,424,000
Assets	\$226,573,000	\$36,468,000	\$5,321,000	\$268,362,000
Capital expen-				700 000
ditures	\$ 39,341,000	\$ 5,455,000	\$ -	\$ 44,796,000
Depreciation and amor-				
tization	\$ 12,506,000	\$ 649,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 13,176,000

1980

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Transportation	Real Estate	Corporate	Total
\$127,924,000	\$ 4,550,000	\$ -	\$132,474,000
\$ 24,882,000	\$ 2,440,000	\$ -	\$ 27,322,000
			7,510,000
			(82,000)
			(525,000)
			9,977,000
			\$ 10,442,000
\$196,162,000	\$31,399,000	\$4,988,000	\$232,549,000
\$ 29,121,000	\$ 8,332,000	\$ -	\$ 37,453,000
\$ 10,543,000	\$ 516,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 11,079,000
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11. Bond Redemption Funds

The unclaimed portion of funds placed with the trustee in 1959 for the redemption of the 5% income debenture stock and/or bonds which matured in that year has been invested and the Company has taken into income the earnings thereon. The balance of funds unclaimed on March 10, 1989 will be returned to the Company. The unclaimed funds held by the trustee amount to \$669,000.

12. Pension Plans

The Company has unfunded past service pension liabilities of about \$3,724,000 which will be funded and charged to operations over the next twelve years by annual payments of approximately \$449,000.

13. Leases

Capital leases entered into after December 31, 1978 are accounted for as assets and obligations; those prior thereto, as operating leases. The Company is committed to annual rental payments of \$1,689,000 for rolling stock under capital leases commencing prior to 1979 and expiring at various dates until 1992. If these leases had been capitalized, the values would be as follows:

	1981	1980
(a) Assets under capital leases Less accumulated amortization	\$14,060,000 5,861,000	\$14,437,000 5,258,000
Net capital lease assets	\$ 8,199,000	\$ 9,179,000
(b) Obligations under capital leases Less current portion	\$ 9,791,000 763,000	\$10,793,000 709,000
Long-term capital lease obligations	\$ 9,028,000	\$10,084,000
In addition net income would have increased (decreased) by	\$ 11,000	\$ (44,000)

14. Capital Commitments

The Company has outstanding capital commitments of approximately \$67,000,000 which are due for payment in 1982 - \$22,000,000 and 1983 - \$45,000,000.

15. Guarantee

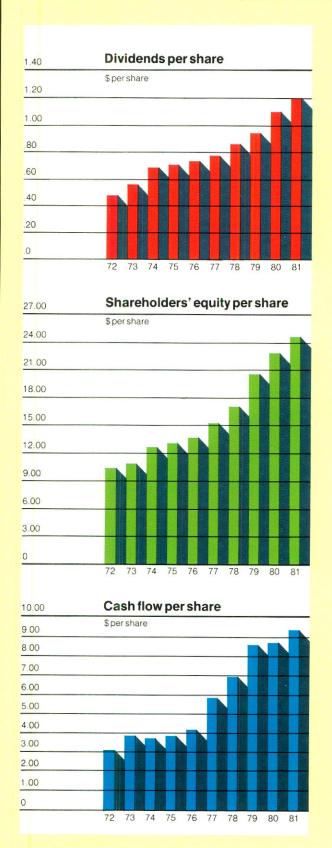
A subsidiary has guaranteed repayment, by the real estate joint venture, of certain bank indebtedness. Liability under this guarantee is about U.S. \$1,100,000.

16. Comparative Figures

Certain of the 1980 comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in 1981.

Ten Year Summary

(Dollars in thousands except per share data)



*)		
		1981
Revenue		
Marine	\$	79,791
Rail	\$	36,562
Trucking	\$	32,603
Real Estate	\$	6,161
	\$1	55,117
Net income		
Before extraordinary items	\$	9,424
After extraordinary items	\$	9,424
Depreciation and amortization	\$	13,176
Cash flow from operations	\$	31,842
Dividends paid	\$	3,965
Capital expenditures		
Marine	\$	26,818
Rail	\$	10,094
Trucking	\$	2,429
Real Estate	\$	5,455
	\$	44,796
Net fixed assets		
Marine	9,000	43,535
Rail		30,439
Trucking		17,978
Real Estate	\$	34,979
		26,931
Long-term debt (LTD)	\$	96,902
Shareholders' equity	\$	86,060
LTD as % of net fixed assets		43%
LTD as % of shareholders' equity		113%
Dividends as % of net income		
(before extraordinary items)		44%
Operating ratio		80.8%
Working capital ratio		1.41/1
Common Share Statistics		
Common shares (000)—end of year		3,506
-average		3,431
Net income		
First Quarter		\$.08
Second Quarter		\$ 1.04
Third Quarter		\$.99
Fourth Quarter		\$.64
Total before extraordinary items		\$ 2.75
Total after extraordinary items		\$ 2.75
Quoted market value		
High		\$24.25
Low		\$15.50
Dividends paid		\$ 1.20
Cash flow		\$ 9.28
Shareholders' equity		\$24.55

1980	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
66,442	57,206	43,612	41,094	30,928	28,770	19,304	17,705	13,215
32,184	30,439	26,822	22,957	20,208	14,063	18,285	15,905	14,540
29,298	31,466	30,187	25,227	19,635	18,995	22,209	11,948	4,652
4,550	2,909	2,658	2,903	2,905	1,775	1,199	170	-
132,474	122,020	103,279	92,181	73,676	63,603	60,997	45,728	32,407
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11,079	9,744	8,146	7,778	6,028	5,810	5,245	4,359	3,742
29,081	28,672	23,378	19,856	13,652	12,640	12,601	12,739	10,091
3,647	3,148	2,853	2,558	2,410	2,361	2,262	1,885	1,557
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23,754	23,796	15,559	13,381	17,576	16,528	7,689	5,830	7,045
3,204	3,724	3,663	1,266	1,995	487	1,231	925	727
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125,336	108,636	91,926	81,497	72,903	58,428	44.760	40 200	38,995
22,309	20,814	18,709	16,458	16,891	16,495	44,760 17,452	42,382 17,972	18,300
17,580	17,319	11,381	9,264	8,418	9,193	9,260	7,678	4,221
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195,347	169,008	137,935	122,471	112,640	98,777	86,013	78,070	61,516
80,959	69,207	59,427	51,880	51,538	41,942	44,360	36,661	23,503
78,370	69,305	56,220	49,958	45,140	43,455	41,381	35,243	34,218
41%	41%	43%	42%	46%	42%	52%	47%	38%
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103%	100%	106%	104%	114%	97%	107%	104%	69%
35%	26%	31%	34%	58%	55%	56%	40%	44%
79.4%	76.8%	79.1%	80.0%	83.5%	83.4%	81.3%		
11,000,000							76.8%	75.5%
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.96	1.28	1.01	1.05	.56	.44	.24	.50	.38
1.01	1.18	.79	.54	.37	.57	.46	.38	.42
3.14	3.70	2.81	2.26	1.26	1.31	1.23	1.42	1.08
3.14	4.99	2.81	2.26	1.26	1.31	2.63	1.42	1.08
06.00	07.50	04.00	10.00	15.00	10.07	14.07	10.50	40.00
26.00 22.00	27.50 18.75	24.00 15.62	16.00 10.25	15.00 10.75	16.37 9.62	14.87 9.00	16.50 11.50	13.00
	2014							8.50
1.10	.96	.87	.78	.735	.72	.69	.575	.475
8.75	8.74	7.13	6.06	4.18	3.85	3.84	3.89	3.08
23.21	21.14	17.15	15.24	13.77	13.25	12.62	10.75	10.44

Organization of Algoma Central Railway

Marine Operations

Marine Division

Operates 13 ships of which 11 are owned by the Company.

Supervises the ship repair and maintenance business.

Algoma Steamships Limited
Owns 2 ships chartered to and operated by the
Company.

Herb Fraser and Associates Limited Performs ship repairs and maintenance. Fabricates and repairs industrial metal products.

Operations based in Port Colborne.

Rail Operations

Rail Division

Operates the Company's freight and passenger railway system.

Forest Lands and Minerals Supervises use and development of 850,000 acres of land in Algoma region owned by the Company. Algocen Mines Limited
Holds mining lease on silica-kaolin deposit
north of Hearst, Ontario.

Trucking Operations

Algocen Transport Holdings Limited Owns 4 terminals operated by Thibodeau-Finch Express Limited. Thibodeau-Finch Express Limited
Owns 2 terminals and leases 2 terminals.
Owns trucking fleet.
Operates 10 terminals.
Operates trucking routes from Detroit and
Buffalo to Toronto and Montreal.

Transport T.F. Québec Limitée
Owns trucking fleet.
Operates 1 terminal.
Operates trucking routes between Montreal
and St. Jean, Quebec.

Flanagan Warehousing & Distribution Co. Ltd. Conducts warehousing operations from premises owned in London, Chatham, Windsor and Sarnia. Two of these house terminals operated by Thibodeau-Finch Express Limited. Operates cartage services in southern Ontario. Owns a fleet of trucks.



Real Estate Operations

Algocen Realty Holdings Limited
Owns a shopping centre-hotel-office tower
complex and apartment building in Sault Ste.
Marie. Manages the shopping centre, office
tower and apartment building.
Owns and manages a shopping centre-hotel
complex with office space in Elliot Lake.

Investment in the United States

ACR Delaware, Inc.
Holding company for investments made in the United States.

Algocen, Florida, Inc.
Partner in real estate joint venture.

All subsidiaries are wholly owned with the exception of Algocen Mines Limited which is 90% owned.

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