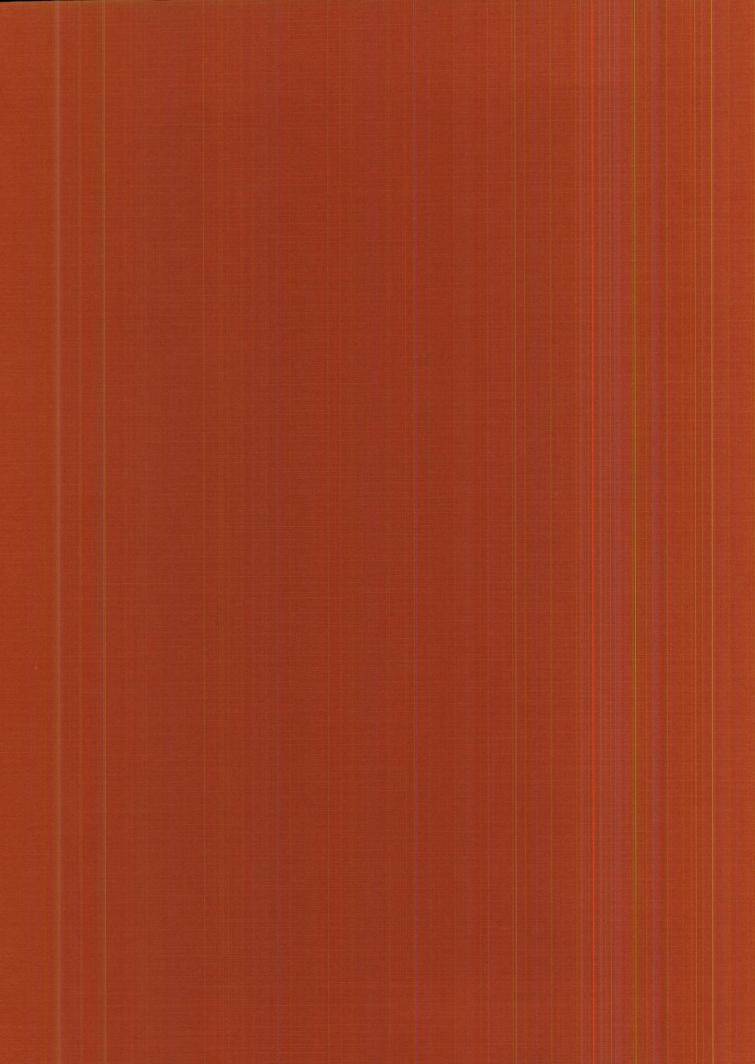


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	1979	1978
Total Revenues	\$ 2,047,657	\$ 1,820,309
Net Income	1,542,999	1,474,268
Net Income per Common Share	\$1.28	\$1.21
Dividend per Common Share	\$1.12	\$0.845
Total Net Assets (Market Value)	52,745,880	43,035,243
Break-up Value per Common Share	\$47.90	\$37.63

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at 11:30 A.M. on Thursday, June 12, 1980 in the Board Room of The Dominion of Canada General Insurance Company, 10th Floor, 165 University Avenue, Toronto. All Shareholders are invited to attend.

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

The total assets of Economic Investment Trust Limited increased from \$47,446,000 to \$57,487,000 during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1979. After deducting our income debenture and preferred shares, the liquidating value behind each common share was a record \$47.90 compared with \$37.63 a year ago.

Net income of the Trust increased to \$1,543,000 or \$1.28 per common share from \$1,474,000 or \$1.21 per share in 1978.

Regular quarterly dividends were paid on our preference shares. Dividends on our common shares were increased to \$1.12 per share compared with \$0.845 per share in 1978.

Your directors were saddened by the loss of Mr. Henry R. Jackman, O.C., K.St.J., Q.C., our fellow director and friend whose active interest and contribution to the Trust's progress will be sorely missed.

Although the stock market has experienced very significant increases in the last two years we look forward to the future with cautious optimism.

Henry N.R. Jackman Chairman of the Board

May 21, 1980.

(Incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act)

BALANCE SHEET

	December 31		
	1979	1978	
ASSETS			
Investments, at market value (cost 1979 — \$30,912,434; 1978 — \$26,014,713)	\$56,702,480 125,057 650,181	\$44,976,905 2,469,317	
Dividend receivable	9,762		
	\$57,487,480	\$47,446,222	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Due to brokers for securities purchased	\$ 236,990 6,751 497,859	\$ 34,279 18,151 358,549	
Bank income debenture payable (note 3)	741,600 4,000,000	410,979 4,000,000	
	4,741,600	4,410,979	
Shareholders' equity: Share capital — Authorized: 186,216 preferred shares of \$50 par value (exclusive of 13,784 shares redeemed) 2,500,000 common shares of no par value Issued: 86,216 5% cumulative preferred shares Series A, redeemable at \$52.50	4.040.000	4.400.550	
(88,051 in 1978) (note 4)	4,310,800	4,402,550	
1,032,940 common shares	4,116,691	4,116,691	
Contributed surplus	799,654 1,927,311 15,801,378 25,790,046 52,745,880	764,128 1,759,798 13,029,884 18,962,192 43,035,243	
	\$57,487,480	\$47,446,222	
On behalf of the Board:			

On behalf of the Board:

H.N.R. JACKMAN

Director

A. GEORGE DRAGONE

Director

(See accompanying notes)

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND EARNED SURPLUS

	Year ended December 31		
	1979	1978	
REVENUE AND EXPENSES			
Revenue: Dividends from taxable Canadian corporations	\$1,675,425	\$1,618,992	
Dividends from other corporations	190,257 181,975	93,857 107,460	
	2,047,657	1,820,309	
Expenses: Administrative expenses. Directors' fees and management salaries Interest on bank income debenture. Other bank interest and charges. Transfer agent's and auditors' fees Legal fees.	42,870 53,210 305,274 4,168 9,375 3,261	39,523 51,150 197,596 7,751 19,177 5,344	
	418,158	320,541	
Income before income taxes	1,629,499 86,500	1,499,768 25,500	
Net income for the year (per common share 1979 — \$1.28; 1978 — \$1.21)	\$1,542,999	\$1,474,268	
Earned surplus, beginning of year	\$1,759,798 1,542,999 3,302,797	\$1,380,299 1,474,268 2,854,567	
Deduct:	3,302,797	2,034,307	
Dividends paid out of investment income on — Preferred shares (\$2.50 per share)	218,593	221,935	
1978 — \$0.845 per share)	1,156,893	872,834	
	1,375,486	1,094,769	
Earned surplus, end of year (note 7)	\$1,927,311	\$1,759,798	

Note: Included in earned surplus is capital surplus arising under Section 62 of the Canada Corporations Act amounting to \$449,125 in 1979 and \$392,901 in 1978, including \$56,224 (\$36,106 in 1978) arising from the purchase of preferred shares for cancellation by the corporation during the year.

(See accompanying notes)

STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS, ACCUMULATED SURPLUS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS, UNREALIZED APPRECIATION OF INVESTMENTS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year ended December 31			
	1979			1978
CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS				
Contributed surplus, beginning of year	\$	764,128	\$	740,234
repurchase price thereof (note 4)		35,526		23,894
Contributed surplus, end of year	\$	799,654	\$	764,128
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS	5			
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	\$1	3,029,884	\$1	1,326,224
Net gain on securities sold during the year: Proceeds of sales	1	3,733,896		8,229,126
Investments at cost, beginning of year	1	6,014,713 5,065,123 0,912,434)		4,808,280 7,382,899 6,014,713)
Cost of investments sold	1	0,167,402		6,176,466
Gain before income taxes		3,566,494 795,000	9	2,052,660 349,000
Net gain on sale		2,771,494		1,703,660
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$1	5,801,378	\$1	3,029,884
UNREALIZED APPRECIATION OF INVESTMENTS				
Unrealized appreciation, beginning of year Net increase for the year		8,962,192 6,827,854		1,859,090 7,103,102
Unrealized appreciation, end of year	\$2	25,790,046	\$1	8,962,192
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS				
Net assets, beginning of year	\$4	13,035,243	\$3	3,885,088
Additions: Net income for the year Net gain on securities sold during the year Increase in unrealized appreciation of investments		1,542,999 2,771,494 6,827,854		1,474,268 1,703,660 7,103,102
	1	11,142,347	1	0,281,030
Deductions: Dividends paid — on preferred shares		218,593 1,156,893 56,224		221,935 872,834 36,106
		1,431,710		1,130,875
Net increase for the year		9,710,637		9,150,155
Net assets, end of year	\$	52,745,880	===	13,035,243

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1979

1. Summary of accounting policies

The following is a summary of the accounting policies consistently followed by the corporation:

(a) Basis of determining market value -

The corporation's investments are stated at a market value in these financial statements to facilitate the computation of net asset value on a market value basis. In the accounts of the corporation, however, investments are stated at cost and not adjusted for fluctuations in market value.

The market value of each listed security is determined as the latest sale price thereof reported by the principal securities exchange on which the issue is traded or, if no sale is reported, the latest bid price is used. Securities which are traded over-the-counter are priced at the bid price quoted by a major dealer in such securities.

b) Investment transactions –

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date (date the order to buy or sell is executed).

Realized gains and losses from investment transactions and unrealized appreciation of investments are calculated on an average cost basis.

(c) Foreign exchange -

Foreign currency amounts included in the financial statements are stated in Canadian dollars on the following bases:

 Market value of investment securities, other assets and liabilities — at the closing rate of exchange in each year.

(iii) Purchases and sales of investment securities, revenue and expenses — at the rate of exchange prevailing when the transactions giving rise to such items occurred.

Income taxes

Throughout the years ended December 31, 1972 to 1979, the corporation has qualified as an "investment corporation" under Section 130 of the Income Tax Act (Canada). The investment income of an "investment corporation", other than dividends received from taxable Canadian corporations (which are not taxed in the corporation), is taxed at a reduced

Taxes totalling \$1,254,000 (including \$795,000 in 1979) paid by the corporation to December 31, 1979 on net taxable capital gains realized by it after January 1, 1972 have been charged during such period against accumulated surplus on sale of investments. Such taxes are refundable to the corporation as long as it continues to qualify as an "investment corporation", and will be refunded to the corporation on any distribution of such gains to shareholders in the form of capital gains dividends, on the basis of approximately \$1 of tax for each \$4 of such distributions made.

At December 31, 1979, the corporation had approximately \$23,608,000 of unrealized capital gains for tax purposes, net of

At December 31, 1979, the corporation had approximately \$23,608,000 of unrealized capital gains for tax purposes, net of unrealized capital losses, on securities held in its investment portfolio. No provision has been made for refundable capital gains taxes of approximately \$5,372,000 that would have been payable if the investments had been disposed of at their quoted market value at December 31, 1979. Any such taxes would be refundable to the corporation on distribution of such gains to shareholders in the manner referred to in the preceding paragraph.

3. Bank income debenture payable

The bank income debenture payable of \$4,000,000 qualifies as an "income debenture" under the Income Tax Act (Canada); bears interest at one-half of the aggregate of the bank's prime rate plus 2-1/2%, such interest being payable, however, only to the extent that the corporation has net income during the period that the debenture is outstanding; matures on December 31, 1986; may be prepaid at the option of the corporation at any time without bonus; and is secured by certain of the corporation's investments.

4. Preferred shares

During the year the corporation purchased 1,835 of its preferred shares for cancellation at a cost of \$56,224. The excess (\$35,526) of the par value of these shares (\$91,750) over the purchase price has been credited to contributed surplus.

5. Net asset value per common share

Net asset value per common share was \$47.90 at December 31, 1979 (\$37.63 and \$28.37 at December 31, 1978 and 1977, respectively).

Net asset value per common share is determined by dividing the amount of the net assets of the corporation on a market value basis plus the total refundable capital gains tax on hand (see note 2), less the outstanding preferred shares at their stated redemption price of \$52.50 per share, all divided by the total number of common shares outstanding.

6. Statutory information

During the year, the corporation had nine directors and three officers. Two of the officers were also directors. The following aggregate remuneration was paid to the directors and officers during the year ended December 31, 1979: directors, as directors \$36,050 (1978 — \$35,550); officers, as officers \$17,160 (1978 — \$15,600).

7. Dividend commitments

In December 1979, the corporation declared four quarterly preferred dividends of 62.5 cents per quarter and three quarterly common dividends of 20 cents per quarter payable in 1980.

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of

Economic Investment Trust Limited:

We have examined the balance sheet and investment portfolio of Economic Investment Trust Limited as at December 31, 1979 and the statements of revenue and expenses, earned surplus, contributed surplus, accumulated surplus on sale of investments, unrealized appreciation of investments and changes in net assets 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 financial statements present fairly the financial position and investment portfolio of the corporation as at December 31, 1979 and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Toronto, Canada, February 21, 1980. Clarkson Gordon Chartered Accountants

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979

	Number of shares	Cost	Market value
PREFERRED SHARES (0.8% of net assets)			- Tridikot valdo
The Fulcrum Investment Company Limited, 6% Cum. Pref. "A"	20 040	\$ 340.546	\$ 393.346
Pennington's Stores Limited	38,849 2,075	\$ 340,546 7,362	\$ 393,346 8,300
	2,073		
TOTAL PREFERRED SHARES		\$ 347,908	\$ 401,646
COMMON AND CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED S	HARES (106.7%	of net assets)	
BANKS (17.1% of net assets) —			
The Bank of Nova Scotia	135,000	\$ 1,409,419	\$ 3,290,625
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	45,000	574,774	1,153,125
The Royal Bank of Canada	34,000	961,879	1,440,750
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	130,000	989,439	3,136,250
		3,935,511	9,020,750
TRUST COMPANIES (12.5% of net assets) —			
VGM Trustco Limited	540,606	1,635,250	3,716,665
387659 Ontario Limited	4,550	1,764,651	2,869,912
		3,399,901	6,586,577
FINANCIAL, INSURANCE AND FUNDS (9.4% of net assets) —			
Dale-Ross Holdings Limited	56,810	395,405	908,960
Conv. Pref. "A"	117,570	1,206,008	1,410,840
E-L Financial Corporation Limited	88,931	1,073,507	1,067,172
The Fulcrum Investment Company Limited	61,200	411,623	405,450
London Life Insurance Company	7,000	544,566	1,190,000
		3,631,109	4,982,422
FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO (5.0% of net assets) —			
Bright & Co., Limited, T.G. "A"	50,000	363,087	725,000
Dominion Citrus & Drugs Ltd., "A"	40,000	187,114	190,000
Imasco Limited, "A"	11,000	323,012	473,000
The Seagram Company Ltd	15,000	134,564	718,125
Hiram "A"	10,000	70,587	555,000
		1,078,364	2,661,125
GENERAL MANUFACTURING (4.7% of net assets) —			
Canadian Marconi Company, "A"	50,000	224,192	1,012,500
Genstar Limited	20,000	224,849	517,500
Shaw Pipe Industries Ltd	15,000	267,858	285,000
Color Your World Inc	30,000	146,799	165,000
Trans Canada Glass Ltd	25,000	252,475	212,500
United Westburne Ind. Ltd	8,000	200,660	264,000
		1,316,833	2,456,500

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979 (continued)

	Number of shares	Cost	Market value
METALS AND MINING (10.6% of net assets) —			
Campbell Red Lake Mines Limited	20,000	454,565	670,000
Denison Mines Ltd	10,000	135,681	375,000
Dome Mines Limited	45,000	404,994	2,700,000
Class A convertible	50,000	361,745	575,000
Sigma Mines (Quebec) Limited	30,000	407,322	1,275,000
		1,764,307	5,595,000
OIL, GAS AND PIPELINES (10.6% of net assets) —			
Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd	4,800	121,458	336,000
Canadian Merrill Ltd	5,000	106,488	118,750
Canadian Reserve Oil and Gas Ltd	10,000	206,147	240,000
Candel Oil Ltd	6,000	113,599	348,000
convertible, group 5, first series	51,300	416,552	1,397,925
Gulf Canada Limited	13,000	364,057	1,452,750
Husky Oil Ltd	10,000	208,823	720,000
Norcen Energy Resources Limited	20,000	415,221	637,500
Union Oil Company of Canada Limited	10,000	84,778	358,750
		2,037,123	5,609,675
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (3.6% of net assets) —			
Abitibi-Price IncCanadian Cablesystems Limited,	10,000	190,422	191,250
Class A convertible	15,000	195,688	191,250
Maclean-Hunter Limited, "A"	20,000	163,708	435,000
Moore Corporation Limited	15,000	206,379	525,000
Southam Inc.	10,000	280,647	280,000
Toronto Sun Publishing Co	20,000	279,350	260,000
		1,316,194	1,882,500
PUBLIC UTILITIES (0.8% of net assets) —			
Bell Canada	20,000	328,577	410,000
REAL ESTATE (1.3% of net assets) —			
Allarco Developments Ltd	6,000	223,023	282,000
Cadillac-Fairview Corp. Ltd	15,000	132,941	292,500
Tonecraft Realty Inc	30,000	106,763	120,000
		462,727	694,500
TRANSPORTATION (11.7% of net assets) -	- 1		
Algoma Central Railway	171,300	2,200,836	3,597,300
Canadian Pacific Limited	30,000	510,640	1,177,500
Ecando Investments Limited	10,592	1,118,708	1,411,755
		3,830,184	6,186,555

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979 (continued)

	Number of shares	Cost	Market value
MISCELLANEOUS (1.5% of net assets) —			
D.H. Howden & Co. Ltd	1,000	11,015	10,625
Extendicare Ltd	20,000	84,057	200,000
Extendicare Ltd., Class A	20,000	79,553	197,500
Kelsey-Hayes Canada Limited	8,500	204,410	178,500
Quebecor Inc.	14,100	146,100	195,638
	,	525,135	782,263
FOREIGN SECURITIES (17.9% of net assets) —			
Avco Corp	20,000	232,856	648,296
Crane Co	8,000	338,898	310,715
F.W. Woolworth Co	10,000	300,931	293,485
Gamble-Skogmo, Inc.	8,000	300,186	310,715
Gold Fields of South Africa	10,000	176,180	724,222
Gotaas-Larsen Shipping Corporation	8,333	64,995	85,268
Howard Johnson Company	10,000	164,614	289,105
IU International Corporation	25,000	298,495	324,878
Jewel Companies, Inc	10,000	307,560	306,626
Kaiser Steel Corporation	6,000	307,490	189,232
Kulicke & Soffa Industries, Inc	10,000	259,323	321,227
Company Limited	427,500	1,521,347	1,586,025
Monsanto Co	5,000	342,396	348,240
Norin Corp	25,000	340,262	394,234
North American Royalties, Inc	10,000	242,082	245,301
Reserve Oil and Gas Co	20,000	269,533	811,829
Rosario Resources Corporation	10,000	275,090	601,571
Sundance Oil Co	10,000	313,590	759,265
The Superior Oil Company	5,725	882,733	882,733
		6,938,561	9,432,967
TOTAL COMMON AND CONVERTIBLE			
PREFERRED SHARES		\$30,564,526	\$56,300,834
TOTAL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO		\$30,912,434	\$56,702,480
SUMMARY			
			% of
		Market value	net assets
Preferred shares		\$ 401,646	0.8%
Common and convertible preferred shares		56,300,834	106.7
Cash and cash items (net)		43,400	0.1
Bank income debenture payable		(4,000,000)	(7.6)
Total net assets		\$52,745,880	100.0%

(See accompanying notes)

FINANCIAL RECORD - 1928 - 1979

Year Ending March 31	Total Net Assets at Market Value*	Funded Debt and Preferred Shares†	Available for Common Shares	Common Shares Outstanding**	Asset Value per Common Share**	Net Income	Net Earn- ings per Common Share	Common Dividend per Share**
1928	\$ 1,794,643	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 794,643	403,125	\$ 1.97	\$ 59,836	0.15	0.16
1933	1,161,715	962,500	199,215	499,062	0.40	36,538	0.07	0.06
1938	2,028,005	1,000,000	1,028,005	499,062	2.06	89,381	0.18	0.16
1943	2,604,866	1,000,000	1,604,866	499,062	3.22	79,552	0.16	0.15
1948	3,522,969	1,000,000	2,522,969	500,000	5.05	110,054	0.22	0.20
Year Ending Dec. 31								
1953	5,197,984	1,250,000	3,947,984	625,000	6.32	189,902	0.30	0.30
1961	15,222,286	2,509,500	12,712,786	969,855	13.11	348,260	0.36	0.34
1962	15,959,654	4,100,000	11,859,654	1,032,940	11.48	427,727	0.26	0.34
1963	17,633,299	4,100,000	13,533,299	1,032,940	13.10	495,390	0.38	0.35
1964	20,955,088	5,250,000	15,705,088	1,032,940	15.20	616,158	0.41	0.37
1965	21,897,735	5,250,000	16,647,735	1,032,940	16.12	703,888	0.44	0.40
1966	19,613,106	5,250,000	14,363,106	1,032,940	13.91	737,222	0.47	0.40
1967	23,076,097	5,128,462	17,947,635	1,032,940	17.38	788,772	0.52	0.44
1968	27,392,675	5,061,263	22,331,412	1,032,940	21.62	732,823	0.48	0.44
1969	25,942,615	5,061,263	20,881,352	1,032,940	20.22	759,294	0.50	0.46
1970	24,365,591	5,061,263	19,304,328	1,032,940	18.69	798,172	0.54	0.46
1971	27,254,532	5,056,013	22,198,519	1,032,940	21.49	781,332	0.52	0.46
1972	34,784,901	5,056,013	29,832,388***	1,032,940	28.88	835,490	0.58	0.46
1973	32,502,656	5,056,013	27,556,643***	1,032,940	26.67	862,673	0.60	0.54
1974	24,025,473	5,024,513	19,110,960***	1,032,940	18.50	966,022	0.70	0.65
1975	26,475,662	4,870,950	21,714,712***	1,032,940	21.02	1,097,837	0.84	0.70
1976	31,527,836	7,738,387	23,899,449***	1,032,940	23.14	1,104,158	0.85	0.74
1977	36,885,088	7,685,677	29,309,411***	1,032,940	28.37	1,125,886	0.87	0.74
1978	47,035,243	8,622,677	38,870,556***	1,032,940	37.63	1,474,268	1.21	0.845
1979	56,745,880	8,526,340	49,473,540***	1,032,940	47.90	1,542,999	1.28	1.12

^{*} Total assets at market value less liabilities exclusive of long term debt and preferred and common shares.

[†] Preferred Shares at redemption price of \$52.50 per share.

^{**} Adjusted for 5-for-2 split in 1951 and 5-for-1 split in 1963.

^{***} Including refundable capital gains tax on hand.

NOTES

