



ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1957



RIVERSIDE SILK MILLS, LIMITED



A dress in "Vocama"—leading fabric of our fall line, now used for dresses, skirts, slacks and coats, also sportswear.

Enthusiastic acceptance of our limited 1957 production promises capacity business in 1958.

A suit and child's frock of "Rivolene" — now definitely acknowledged as the standard of quality in the Terylene field. Leading shirtmakers, dress and blouse manufacturers in the better price categories maintain a brisk demand for this lovely material.



RIVERSIDE SILK MILLS, LIMITED

DIRECTORS

K. D. Bailey

D. M. Deacon

I. S. Deacon

R. B. Law, Q.C.

H. P. Wright, C.P.A.

OFFICERS

K. D. Bailey, President

R. B. Law, Q.C., Vice-President

H. P. Wright, C.P.A., Secretary L. R. Dobbin, B. Com., Treasurer

PLANT

Galt.

Ontario

SALES OFFICES

Toronto, Ontario

Montreal, Quebec

BANKERS

Royal Bank of Canada

TRANSFER AGENTS

National Trust Company, Toronto

REGISTRARS

Toronto

SOLICITORS

Canada Permanent Trust Company Raymond, Spencer, Law & MacInnes,

Welland

AUDITORS

Thorne, Mulholland, Howson & McPherson Chartered Accountants

Toronto

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

Your Directors submit, herewith, the Company's Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1957, together with the Financial Statements and the Report of the Auditors.

SALES AND EARNINGS

The Company's sales at \$1,877,960 for 1957 represent an increase of approximately 45% over 1956 and 95% over 1955. In terms of physical volume, the Fabrics Division showed an increase of 15% over 1956, while in the Yarns Division there was an increase of 75%.

The net profit in 1957 was \$12,274 after making provision for depreciation in the amount of \$101,889. This compares with a net loss of \$43,249 in 1956 on a comparable basis.

With the rest of the Canadian economy your Company enjoyed relatively good business conditions during the first 6 months of 1957; but the lower level of general business conditions during the last half and the reduced level of textile operations in particular, resulted in a financial return for the year which was below expectations.

NEW FINANCING

In order to permit the Company to finance a higher level of sales and to improve its working capital position an issue of \$200,000 First Mortgage Bonds was created and sold in September.

MODERNIZATION

No effort has been spared in the improvement of the quality of our products. To this end, approximately \$70,000 was spent for capital equipment in 1955 and \$112,000 was added in 1956. In 1957 a further \$88,000 was spent in a continuation of this program, and as a result, we believe the quality of all our products is now equal to or better than that of any of our competitors.

MERCHANDISING

To overcome the problem of price cutting by Canadian competition and the threat of imports, your company has undertaken a merchandising program of proportions never before considered by any Canadian textile company. This policy is based upon the theory that with distinctive fabrics and yarns, of the highest attainable quality, your Company will cater to the quality market through better garment manufacturers, and better styles. In furtherance of this policy a strong advertising program is now promoting the sale of our customer's product to the consumer.

YARNS DIVISION

Exclusive rights to "Tycora" for Canada have been obtained with all the technical knowledge, research, and advertising that have been invested in this product in the United States.

^{*}Riverside Silk Mills Ltd. registered trademark for modified continuous filament yarns.

The "Tycora" program is designed to select the best fibre and the best process for modifying that fibre for each separate end use. As a result "Tycora" products of the very best quality are now being produced in the United States including sweaters, sports shirts, hosiery, bathing suits, underwear, and even such products as rugs and upholstery. To date, in Canada, "Tycora" sweaters and hosiery have been successfully introduced and sport shirts will be on the market in the Spring and Summer of this year.

The research behind this program is of vital importance to its continued success and while the "Tycora" research itself is extensive, our association in the "Tycora" program with the best mills in England, France, Belgium and Australia, brings "Riverside" the results of the research efforts of these companies as well.

Since the inception of the "Tycora" program, the volume of sales has been steadily increasing, with satisfaction expressed by the garment manufacturers, the retailers and the consumers. While it is too early yet to predict the final results, your Directors are satisfied that an auspicious beginning has been made.

FABRICS DIVISION

Your Company has had outstanding success with its Terylene/Nylon tricot fabrics, now being sold under the trade names "Rivolene" and "Luxura". "Vocama", made under exclusive licence from an American company was introduced late in 1957 and the demand is steadily growing.

A merchandising program similar to that for "Tycora" has been undertaken for these fabrics.

SUMMARY

Despite a combination of poor business conditions in the last half of the year, the problem of securing raw yarns of a quality essential to our present program, and the introduction of many new processes, your Company after many years of losses has shown a profit. It is financially able to operate at an expanding sales level, and operations have been established along profitable lines.

Under these circumstances, your Directors feel that 1957 has been a year of considerable accomplishment, and look forward to an improvement in earnings during this coming year.

In conclusion your directors wish to express their appreciation of the wholehearted co-operation extended by all employees in achieving the improvement made in the company's affairs during 1957.

On behalf of the Board,

K. D. BAILEY,

President.

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RIVERSIDE SILK

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Statement of Financial Position as

BALANC

1956	ASSETS	1957
\$ 24 197,595	CURRENT ASSETS: Cash	\$ 25
	Inventory of merchandise and supplies as determined by the management and certified to be valued	257,884
337,028 9,004 3,614	at the lower of cost or market Employees' balances re bond subscriptions (secured) Prepaid expenses	425,998 5,536 9,362
547.265		698,805
	FIXED ASSETS at replacement value as of April 10th, 1928 as per appraisal of Dominion Appraisal Co., Limited, plus subsequent additions at cost, less disposals:	
6,600 296,592	LandBuildings	6,600 298,313
1,054,553	Machinery and equipment	1,091,640
1,357,745	χ.	1,396,553
828,618	LESS: Accumulated depreciation	882,494
529,127		514,059
1	Investment in Great West Felt Company, Limited	1
	DEFERRED CHARGES TO OPERATIONS:	
	Prepaid royalties	35,915
	Re-financing expenses	21,127
		57,042
\$1,076,393		\$1,269.907

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K. D. BAILEY, Director

AUDIT

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

RIVERSIDE SILK MILLS, LIMITED.

We have examined the balance sheet of Riverside Silk Mills, Limited as at December 31st, 1957 and the statements of Income and Retained Earnings for the year ended on that date. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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the laws of Ontario)

of December 31st, 1956 and 1957

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1956	LIABILITIES	1957
	CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
\$ 288,684 156,289 9,004	Bank loan and overdraft (secured)	\$ 281,735 147,946 5,536
453,977		435,217
	FUNDED DEBT: 6½% First mortgage sinking fund bonds, Series A, due September 15, 1972 (see note 2)	200,000
	SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Capital Stock Authorized: 30,000 Class A \$2.00 cumulative participating shares and 100,000 Common shares, all without par value Issued: 30,000 Class A shares and	
300,000 322,416	20,000 Common shares	300,000 334,690
622,416	NOTES:	634,690
	 Dividends on the Class A shares have been paid to April 1st, 1953 and are in arrears \$9.50 per share. 	
	2. The first mortgage sinking fund bonds, series A, carry warrants for the purchase of common shares at \$5 per share up to December 31st, 1961, on the basis of 50 shares for each \$1,000 principal amount of bonds.	
\$ 1,076,393		\$1,269,907

ALF OF THE BOARD

J. S. DEACON, Director

DRS' REPORT

In our opinion, the above balance sheet, supplemented by the notes thereto, and accompanying statements of Income and Retained Earnings present fairly the financial position of the company as at December 31st, 1957 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

TORONTO, Canada, March 12th, 1958. THORNE, MULLHOLAND, HOWSON & McPHERSON Chartered Accountants

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

Years ended December 31st, 1956 and 1957

1956		1957
\$ 169,29	Gross income	\$ 291,377
100,044	Selling and administrative expenses	166,972
4,700	Directors' fees	4,400
	Bond interest	3,257
	Re-financing expenses amortized	419
104,744		175,048
64,549	Income for year before undernoted items	116,329
107,798	Depreciation	101,889
(43,249		14,440
	Employees' share of income under profit-sharing plan	2,166
(43,249	NET INCOME OR (LOSS) FOR YEAR	 12,274

RIVERSIDE SILK MILLS, LIMITED

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS

Years ended December 31st, 1956 and 1957

1956		1957
365,665	Balance, January 1st	\$ 322,416
(43,249)	Net income or (loss) for year	12,274
322,416	Balance, December 31st	\$ 334,690

STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

Year ended December 31st, 1957

FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE

Net income for year\$	12,274	
Depreciation	101,889	
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets	1,320	
Net proceeds from sale of first mortgage sinking fund		
bonds	178,454	
Re-financing expenses amortized	419	294,356
FUNDS APPLIED		
Expenditure on fixed assets	88,141	
Prepaid royalties	35,915	124,056
RESULTING INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL		\$ 170,300
Working Capital, December 31st, 1957		\$ 263,588
Working Capital, December 31st, 1956		93,288
Increase in Working Capital	•••••	\$ 170,300
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