

INVESTMENT FOUNDATION LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT

March 31st, 1956

DIRECTORS

A. S. FRASER, *President and Managing Director*
W. H. CAMPBELL
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J. D. HOPKINS, *Secretary-Treasurer*

A. K. CAMERON, *Vice-President*
Dr. C. S. THOMPSON, O.B.E.
N. A. TIMMINS, JR.

Transfer and Registry Agents — The Eastern Trust Company, Montreal.

April 23rd, 1956.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

Your Directors present herewith the 27th Annual Report of your Company, together with a statement of Assets and Liabilities, Profit and Loss, and Surplus Account for the year ending March 31st, 1956, duly certified by the Auditors.

Net income for the year was \$235,111.41, equivalent to \$11.36 on the outstanding cumulative preferred shares and after allowing for the \$3.00 preferred dividend was \$2.47 on the common. This compares with \$177,347.18 for the previous year — \$8.57 on the preferred and \$1.64 on the common. Only dividends and interest actually earned have been considered as income. Net earnings on the common shares are now running at an estimated rate of \$2.50 per annum.

Regular dividends totalling \$3.00 were paid or declared on the 6 per cent, \$50.00 par cumulative preferred stock and dividends of \$2.00 were paid or declared on the common. Payment of these dividends required \$202,037.00. The balance \$33,074.41 was transferred to earned surplus, which now stands at \$293,878.64.

Individual shareholders residing in Canada were advised when computing their income tax for the year 1955 that they are entitled to:

(1) A depletion allowance equal to 10% of all preferred and common dividends received by them from this Company during the year,

and

(2) A tax credit of 20% of the net amount of such dividends.

Income on the Company's investments was substantially higher. General and other expenses were little changed but were slightly lower.

On the basis of prices current at the close of business March 31st, 1956, the market value of your Company's holdings showed an appreciation of \$3,807,390.37 over book value. After deducting the \$50.00 par value convertible preferred shares at \$68.20 (convertible share for share into common) the liquidating value of the common was \$68.20 as against \$52.04 at the end of the previous year.

We again report that with the exception of three items valued at \$61,800.00 which are regularly quoted by Investment Dealers, all of the Company's security holdings are listed and traded on the regular stock exchanges.

Operations over the fiscal years 1929-1956 will be of interest to our Shareholders.

| | \$50.00 Par Pfd. | N.P.V. Com. | |
|--|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| March 31, 1929 — Capital subscribed and paid-up shares..... | 40,000 | 70,000 | \$3,050,000.00 |
| 1931-1954 — Preferred shares redeemed..... | 19,321 | | 966,050.00 |
| March 31, 1956 — Capital outstanding..... | 20,679 | 70,000 | \$2,083,950.00 |
| — Investment Reserve..... | | | 182,296.00 |
| — Surplus..... | | | 293,878.00 |
| March 31, 1929-56 — Gross income earned from dividends, interest, etc..... | | | \$3,863,115.00 |
| — Total expenses including taxes..... | | | 535,950.00 |
| — Net income after expenses and taxes..... | | | \$3,327,165.00 |
| — Dividends paid on Pfd. and Com. Shares — 91.16% of net income..... | | | 3,033,287.00 |
| — Earned Surplus available for dividends..... | | | \$ 293,878.00 |
| March 31, 1956 — Book Value of securities — less investment reserve..... | | | \$2,307,857.00 |
| — Market value of securities..... | | | 6,115,247.00 |
| — Appreciation in market value over cost..... | | | \$3,807,390.00 |

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors,

A. S. FRASER,
President.

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND EARNED SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1956

| | | |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| REVENUE: | | |
| Dividends..... | | \$259,549.90 |
| Interest..... | | 1,150.87 |
| | | <u>260,700.77</u> |
| <i>Deduct:</i> | | |
| General expenses, salaries, taxes, etc..... | \$23,325.35 | |
| Directors' fees..... | 1,975.00 | |
| Bank interest..... | 24.05 | |
| United States tax on dividends, deducted at source..... | 12.00 | 25,336.40 |
| | | <u>25,336.40</u> |
| Net revenue for the year before providing for income taxes..... | | 235,364.37 |
| Provision for income taxes..... | | 252.96 |
| | | <u>235,111.41</u> |
| Net profit for the year..... | | 235,111.41 |
| Earned surplus at March 31, 1955..... | | 260,804.23 |
| | | <u>495,915.64</u> |
| <i>Deduct:</i> | | |
| Dividends on preferred stock..... | 62,037.00 | |
| Dividends on common stock..... | 140,000.00 | 202,037.00 |
| | | <u>202,037.00</u> |
| Earned surplus at March 31, 1956..... | | <u>\$293,878.64</u> |

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BALANCE SHEET AT MARCH 31, 1956

| ASSETS | | LIABILITIES | |
|--|----------------|---|----------------|
| Cash in bank..... | \$25,274.73 | Accounts payable..... | \$ 640.64 |
| Accrued income..... | 16,764.90 | Income taxes payable..... | 252.96 |
| Guaranteed Demand Deposit... | 100,000.00 | Preferred dividend payable April 16, 1956..... | 15,509.25 |
| | \$142,039.63 | Common dividend payable April 16, 1956..... | 56,000.00 |
| Prepaid expense..... | 333.73 | | \$72,402.85 |
| Investment securities..... | 2,490,153.48 | Investment reserve..... | 182,296.35 |
| <p>NOTE:—The market value of securities owned by the Company at the close of the fiscal year was \$6,115,247.50 representing an appreciation from book value of \$3,807,390.37 after taking into consideration the amount at credit of the investment reserve.</p> | | <p>CAPITAL: 6% Cumulative convertible redeemable preferred stock—par value \$50.00 each.</p> | |
| | | Authorized and issued... 40,000 shares | 2,000,000.00 |
| | | <i>Less:</i> | |
| | | Redeemed... 19,321 shares | 966,050.00 |
| | | Outstanding... 20,679 shares | 1,033,950.00 |
| | | Common stock — no par value | |
| | | Authorized... 200,000 shares | |
| | | Issued..... 70,000 shares | 1,050,000.00 |
| | | | 2,083,950.00 |
| | | Earned surplus — statement attached..... | 293,878.64 |
| Furniture and fixtures at depreciated value..... | 1.00 | | 2,377,828.64 |
| | \$2,632,527.84 | | \$2,632,527.84 |

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors:
A. S. FRASER, *Director*.
A. K. CAMERON, *Director*.

This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our Report to the Shareholders dated April 12, 1956.

P. S. ROSS & SONS,
Chartered Accountants.

MONTREAL, QUE.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

INVESTMENT FOUNDATION LIMITED,
MONTREAL, QUE.

We have examined the Balance Sheet of Investment Foundation Limited as at March 31, 1956 and the related Statement of Profit and Loss and Earned Surplus for the year ended on that date and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. 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.

In our opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and related Statement of Profit and Loss and Earned Surplus are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Company as at March 31, 1956 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

MONTREAL, April 12, 1956.

P. S. ROSS & SONS,
Chartered Accountants.

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