27 WELLINGTON ST. WEST

TORONTO, CANADA

March 7th, 1944

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

The Board of Directors of our Company have pleasure in submitting the Annual Statement, together with Balance Sheet, covering the operations for the year 1943. The year's operation shows little change from 1942 with the exception that Excess Profits Taxes are on a 100% basis for 1943 as compared with 75% for part of 1942.

The year has been most difficult, both for the management and the staff. Merchandise has been available in only limited quantities and labor turnover has been continuous due to military call up and essential employment demands. Under the circumstances, the year has been satisfactory.

For the future there is little room for comment; little improvement can be expected until the war ends.

The problem facing both management and labor is to be ready for peace when it comes. To achieve this, there is great need to realize that the many proposals made for better living conditions are based on full employment and that in the final analysis we can only have what we can pay for.

For that reason, our first responsibility is to see that every effort is made to provide work. This can be attained only by continuing the same united effort with which we have faced the war.

Your Directors have declared the regular dividend of Seventy Five Cents for the quarter on the Preferred and the regular Fifteen Cents, plus a bonus of Sixty Cents on the Common Stock.

Your Directors would also like to express their appreciation to the staff and management for their loyal support during the past year.

Yours very truly,

S. W. STEDMAN,

Chairman of the Board.



BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1943

ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 602,764.04
Dominion of Canada Bonds	198,000.00
Accounts Receivable (Less Reserve for Bad Debts, \$5,000.00)	326,530.04
Accounts Receivable (Less Reserve for Bad Debts, \$5,000.00) Inventories at Cost \$973,651.4	10
Less: Reserve for Warehouse Profit on Store	
Inventories \$ 53,709.89	
Less: Reserves for Increased Prices re Excess	
Profits Tax 103,169.59	
156,879.4	18
	- 816,771.92
Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance	13,627.70
Real Estate (at Cost Less Depreciation, \$24,496.75)	176,171.23
Furniture and Fixtures (Less Depreciation, \$298,021.85)	115,402.40
Advances to Employees re Purchase Dominion of Canada Bonds	6,865.90
Refundable Portion of Excess Profits Tax	107,272.75
Prepaid Insurance	1,702.12
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	8,850.54
Trade Creditors (Prepayment of Merchandise)	3,995.44
Goodwill	1.00
	\$2,377,955.08
LIABILITIES	
Reserves:	
Income Tax for 1940 \$ 23,262.0	19
Income Tax for 1940 \$ 25,202.0 Income Tax for 1941 61,890.8	
Income Tax for 1941 51,846.1	
Income Tax for 1942 31,640.1 Income Tax for 1943 (after Prepayment of \$460,000.00) 60,129.4	
Income Tax for 1943 (after Prepayment of \$460,000.00) 60,129.4 Preferred Dividend 1½ % 4,500.0	
Common Dividends 15 cents per share 4,500.0	
Common Dividends 15 cents per share	- \$ 215,128.38
Reserve re Real Estate	- \$ 215,126.36 176,171.23
Capital Stock:	110,111.23
Preferred—6,000 Shares, Par Value \$50.00 per Share \$300,000.0	00
Common—90,000 Shares, No Par Value 500.00 per Share 500,000.00 Common—91,000 Shares, No Par Value 500.00 per Share 500,000.00 Common—90,000 Shares, No Par Value 500.00 per Share 500,000.00 Common—90,000 Shares, No Par Value 500.00 per Share 500,000.00 Common—90,000 Shares, No Par Value 500.00 per Share 500,000 Common—90,000 Shares, No Par Value 500.00 per Share 500,000 Common—500,000 Shares, No Par Value 500.00 per Share 500,000 Common—500,000 Shares, No Par Value 500.00 Sh	
Common—30,000 Shares, 140 Lat Value	300,001.00
Earned Surplus	1,579,381.72
Deferred Surplus	107,272.75
Deterred Durpids	101,212.10
	\$2,377,955.08
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AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the above Balance Sheet of Stedman Bros., Limited, as at December 31st, 1943, and report that, in my opinion, it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs, according to the best of my information and the explanations given me, and as shown by the books of the Company.

All my requirements, as Auditor, have been complied with.

S. W. Stedman, Chairman of the Board.

GEO. H. STEDMAN, President.

C. J. PARKER, C.A.

GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended December 31st, 1943

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Net Operating Profit for year before Provision for Depreciation and Income Tax	\$ 815,699.56
Provision for Depreciation \$ 43,715.57	
Dominion Income Tax 520,129.42	
	563,844.99
Net Profit for year carried forward to Earned Surplus Account	\$ 251,854.57

The total of the amount paid for the year ended December 31st, 1943, as salaries, bonuses, fees, or other remuneration to the counsel, solicitors, or other legal advisers of the Company, also to the Executive Officers of the Company, including the President, Managing Director, and any other Directors, who hold salaried employment or office with the Company was \$46,474.05. Fees of Directors, not holding salaried employment in the Company were \$300.00.

EARNED SURPLUS ACCOUNT

as at December	31s	st, 1943		
Surplus, forward January 1st, 1943				\$1,494,464.63
Add: Adjustment of Provincial Tax Reserves		\$	2,700.00	1-1
Increase in Cash Surrender Value of Life I	nsur	ance, plus		
Accrued Dividends			2,571.70	
Transfer from Profit and Loss Account			251,854.57	
		-		257,126.27
				\$1,751,590.90
Less: Adjustment to Deferred Surplus Account re	Exc	ess Profits		+-,,
Tax		\$	36,822.69	
TaxLife Insurance Premiums Paid			3,662.25	
Bombardment Insurance Premiums Paid			3,600.00	
Adjustment on Reserve for Real Estate			1,546.74	
Loss on Investments			577.50	
				46,209.18
				\$1,705,381.72
Preference Dividends:				1 7 - 7
Paid April 1st, 1943	\$	4,500.00		
Paid July 1st, 1943	1	4,500.00		
Paid October 1st, 1943		4,500.00		
Payable January 1st, 1944		4,500.00		
	_	\$	18,000.00	
Common Dividends:				
Paid April 1st, 1943		67,500.00		
Paid July 1st, 1943		13,500.00		
Paid October 1st, 1943		13,500.00		
Payable January 1st, 1944		13,500.00		
	-		108,000.00	
		_		126,000.00
Balance of Earned Surplus, December 31st, 1943, C	arrie	d to Balance	Sheet	\$1,579,381.72
DEFERRED SURPLUS ACCOUNT				
gs at December 31st 1943				

ds at December 31st, 1943				
Adjustment from Earned Surplus Account re Refundable Portion				
1942 Excess Profits Tax	\$	36,822.69		
Add: Refundable Portion 1943 Excess Profits Tax		70,450.06		
Balance of Deferred Surplus, December 31st, 1943, Carried to Balance	Sheet \$	107,272.75		

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FOR THE

Year Ending 31st December, 1943

OFFICERS:

SAMUEL W. SIEDMAN	Chairman of the Board
GEORGE H. STEDMAN Presi	dent and Managing Director
CLARENCE R. PETTIT	Executive Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer
DOUGLAS J. MACDONALD	Vice-President
GEO. T. HUMBLE	Director

STOCK TRANSFER AGENTS:
GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF CANADA

BANKERS:

BANK OF TORONTO Toronto