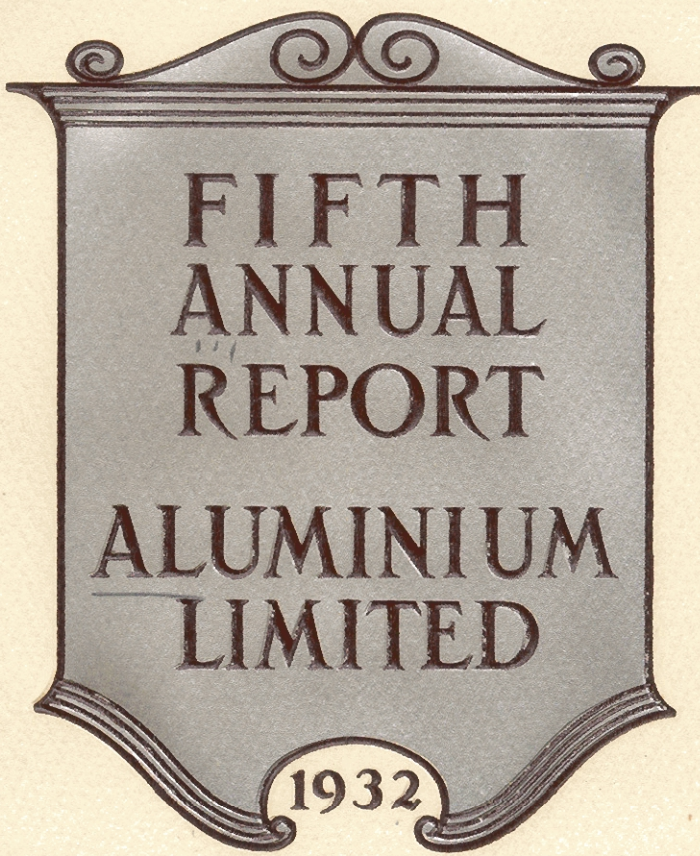


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INCORPORATED

31st MAY, 1928

Under the
COMPANIES ACT
of the
DOMINION OF CANADA

ALUMINIUM LIMITED

(Incorporated under the Companies Act of the Dominion of Canada)

DIRECTORS

J. H. ALGER, SECRETARY

E. BLOUGH, VICE-PRESIDENT

EDWARD K. DAVIS, PRESIDENT

AIMÉ GEOFFRION, K.C.,

Geoffrion & Prud'homme,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

ANDRÉ HENRY-COÛANNIER, VICE-PRESIDENT

LEIGHTON McCARTHY, K.C.,

President, Canada Life Assurance Company,
Toronto, Ont., Canada.

CHARLES H. MORITZ, VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN H. PRICE

Price Brothers & Company Limited,
Quebec, P.Q., Canada

J. F. VAN-LANE

McCarthy & McCarthy, Toronto, Ont., Canada.

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G. O. MORGAN, JR.	TREASURER
J. F. VAN-LANE	{ ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT TREASURER
W. J. BEATTIE	ASSISTANT SECRETARY
F. L. FARRELL	ASSISTANT SECRETARY
EDWIN J. MEJIA	ASSISTANT SECRETARY

ALUMINIUM LIMITED

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HEAD OFFICE

Canada Life Building, Toronto, Ont., Canada



MONTREAL OFFICE

1000 Dominion Square Building
Montreal, P.Q., Canada



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TRANSFER AGENTS

National Trust Company, Limited
Toronto, Ont., Canada
The Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa., U.S.A.



REGISTRARS

National Trust Company, Limited
Toronto, Ont., Canada
Fidelity Trust Company
Pittsburgh, Pa., U.S.A.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

For the year ended 31st December, 1932, to be submitted to the shareholders at the Annual Meeting, on Thursday, 13th April, 1933, at 11 a.m.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

Your Directors present the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet, Consolidated Income and Surplus Account and Report, for the year ended 31st December, 1932.



ALUMINIUM LIMITED

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET *Aluminium Limited and Fully Owned Subsidiary Companies** 31st December, 1932

ASSETS

Land, Plants and Facilities.....	\$47,365,269.84	
Less Amortization, Depletion and Depreciation.....	12,755,263.68	
	<hr/>	\$34,610,006.16
Investments in Shares of Partially Owned Companies	10,377,026.73	
Advances to Partially Owned Com- panies.....	\$ 6,291,625.51	
Less Accounts Payable, due October 31, 1934, against which advances are to be applied.....	2,630,451.92	
	<hr/>	3,661,173.59
Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Charges to Operations	2,397,172.92	
Indemnity and Surety Deposits.....	115,514.97	
Sinking Fund Balances in Hands of Trustees.....	20,258.01	
Current Assets:		
Inventories of Aluminium, Materials and Supplies**.....	\$11,335,016.91	
Accounts and Notes Receivable, less Reserves.....	3,410,372.50	
Marketable Securities, at cost.....	1,418,019.60	
Cash.....	922,864.25	
	<hr/>	17,086,273.26

TOTAL.....

\$68,267,425.64

*Except for 10 shares of the preferred stock of Sprotons, Limited.

**At cost or market whichever is the lower.

Approved on behalf of the Board.

EDWARD K. DAVIS, *President*

J. H. ALGER, *Director and Secretary*

COLLINS & COMPANY, *Auditors.*

ALUMINIUM LIMITED

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

*Aluminium Limited and Fully Owned Subsidiary Companies**

31st December, 1932

Capital Stock:	LIABILITIES	
Preferred Stock—Par Value per Share \$100.00		
Outstanding—127,656 Shares		\$12,765,600.00
Common Stock — No Par Value		
490,875 Shares issued in exchange		
for capital shares of subsidiary		
and other companies	\$22,988,813.89	
101,824 Shares sold for cash	2,645,705.00	
		25,634,518.89
Preferred Stock of Sprostons, Limited, held by outside		
interests		1,000.00
Funded Debt:		
5% S.F. Debenture Gold Bonds, due		
1948 (Aluminium Limited) Issued	\$20,000,000.00	
Less—Bonds Retired	1,116,000.00	
		\$18,884,000.00
Bonds of Subsidiary Companies	2,198,115.10	
		21,082,115.10
Notes given for Property Purchased, due in 1933,		
1934 and 1935		1,500,000.00
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,690,477.88	
Bills Payable	3,993,234.71	
Accrued Items, not yet due	173,243.12	
Reserves for Income and Other Taxes	92,786.38	
		6,949,742.09
Operating Reserves and Deferred Credits		275,322.81
Reserves for Anticipated Losses in Conversion of Net		
Current Assets into American Currency		166,841.64
Deficit		107,714.89
TOTAL		\$68,267,425.64

*Except for 10 shares of the preferred stock of Sprostons, Limited.

NOTE: Dividends of \$3.75 per share have accumulated on the preferred stock.

Approved on behalf of the Board.

EDWARD K. DAVIS, *President*

J. H. ALGER, *Director and Secretary*

COLLINS & COMPANY, *Auditors.*

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

*Aluminium Limited and Fully Owned Subsidiary Companies**

For the Year Ended 31st December, 1932

Surplus, 1st January, 1932.....	\$1,110,027.34
Deduct:	
Sundry Adjustments Applicable to Prior Years.....	60,107.91
	\$1,049,919.43
Earnings, Year 1932, before Interest, De- preciation and Exchange Losses.....	\$1,897,728.43
Deductions:	
Interest.....	\$1,445,078.69
Provision for Deprecia- tion and Depletion....	1,468,676.59
	2,913,755.28
Operating Loss.....	\$1,016,026.85
Exchange Losses.....	205,705.66
	\$1,221,732.51
Deduct:	
Gain from Purchase and Retirement of Preferred Stock and Bonds.....	291,598.19
Net Loss for the Year 1932.....	930,134.32
	\$ 119,785.11
Deduct:	
Dividends Paid in 1932 on preferred stock.....	\$ 292,500.00
Less Amount accrued at 31st December, 1931.....	65,000.00
	227,500.00
Deficit—Balance at 31st December, 1932.....	\$ 107,714.89

*Except for 10 shares of the preferred stock of Sprostons, Limited.

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TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ALUMINIUM LIMITED:

The consolidated balance sheet as of 31st December, 1932 and the consolidated income and surplus account for the year 1932, herewith, present in statistical form the results of another year of abnormally small consumption and low prices.

As these adverse conditions are not peculiar to the aluminium business, but are characteristic of nearly all forms of trade, we have kept the output of our companies within conservative limits—i.e., at about 50% of usual capacity, and we have made further reductions in administrative and selling expenses to bring them into proper relation to existing conditions.

It has been possible to find a market for all our aluminium produced in 1932. Approximately 23,400 metric tons have been sold to customers, exclusive of sales to partially owned companies, and approximately 3,900 metric tons have been sold to partially owned companies engaged in fabrication.

Nevertheless, inventories of aluminium on hand are slightly more than at the end of the preceding year, owing in part to the inclusion this year, in the consolidated balance sheet, of a company, Jeewanlal (1929) Limited, India, which was formerly a partially owned company. Stocks of aluminium on hand represent about six months' normal output.

Capital expenditures, during the year under review, have been as low as was consistent with previously existing commitments. The first three items of the balance sheet, relating to capital investments, taken together, show little change during the year. The increase of approximately \$1,370,000 in Lands, Plants and Facilities, results principally from the inclusion in this account of properties of companies in which we formerly had partial interests carried as investments. The properties of these now fully owned companies appear this year for the first time in the consolidation. In the same account, approximately \$281,000 represents new construction, - mostly work under contract at the beginning of the period.

Advances of approximately \$904,000 were made to partially owned companies, but the elimination of accounts with fully owned companies now included in the consolidated statement and the conversion into share capital of some advances previously made, result in a net decrease of \$1,661,678.69 in investments and advances to partially owned companies.

The earnings for the year, after all expenses chargeable to operations, after interest, and after exchange expenses, but before depreciation and depletion, were \$246,944.08. Deprecia-

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tion and depletion amounting to \$1,468,676.59 were taken in accordance with our usual practice.

None of the important countries which suspended the gold standard in 1931 have yet returned to a gold basis. Currency fluctuations have resulted in exchange expenses but to a lesser extent than last year. The principal effect on your company's trading of currency fluctuations is to restrict normal buying.

Whether we may expect a continuance of present business conditions or an improvement in them, depends on the outcome of events extraneous to the aluminium business and—in our case particularly—on the course of economic and political changes in distant countries. As for developments in our business that either give rise to further caution or to some degree of confidence, there is on the pessimistic side little or nothing inherent in the aluminium business to cause anxiety. World stocks of aluminium are not excessively large. They are in firm hands and do not weigh unduly upon the market. The use of aluminium in the industries and the arts is more firmly entrenched than ever before. The diversity of articles obtainable in aluminium has increased. The quality and uniformity of output in all producing centers have perceptibly improved. Of particular benefit to companies operating in the British Empire, are the trade agreements between Canada and the United Kingdom, Canada and Australia, Canada and New Zealand, and the United Kingdom and India, made pursuant to the program of the Ottawa Conference of July and August, 1932. With relatively unimportant exceptions, they give our products, made within the British Empire either free entry into these markets or preferential rates of duty over similar products of non-Empire countries. Other Empire trade agreements are in negotiation. The full benefit of the Ottawa trade agreements already made was not felt in 1932 since they were in operation only in the latter part of the year, but we anticipate that substantial benefits will accrue to our business on account of them. Nearly 70% of our investments are within the British Empire.

In conformity with the increasing tendency to employ independent accountants for annual audits, your directors have appointed Collins & Company, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., to audit the company's accounts and to report thereon. The same firm retire and are eligible for re-election by the shareholders for the ensuing year.

J. H. ALGER,
Secretary.

EDWARD K. DAVIS,
President.

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, 13th April, 1933.

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ALUMINIUM LIMITED:

As auditors of Aluminium Limited, we certify that, in examining the books of accounts of the above named company and its fully owned Canadian subsidiary companies for the year ended 31st December, 1932, we have complied with the requirements of Section 124 of the Companies Act. We have examined authenticated monthly statements for the year 1932 of the fully owned foreign subsidiary companies, whose books of accounts have been audited by other independent auditors to varying dates within the year.

On the above basis, we report and certify that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and in our opinion the consolidated balance sheet attached hereto is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of Aluminium Limited and fully owned subsidiary companies* as of the 31st of December, 1932, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the companies.

We further certify that the relative consolidated income and surplus account presents a fair and correct statement of the results of operations of Aluminium Limited and fully owned subsidiary companies* for the year ended 31st December, 1932.

COLLINS & COMPANY,
Auditors.

*Included among the fully owned subsidiary companies is Sprotons, Limited, ten preferred shares of which are held by outside interests.

