



Thirty-Third Annual Report

*For Year Ended
November 30th*

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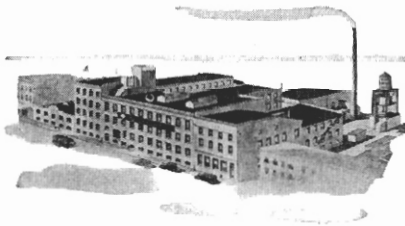
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Directors*



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W. P. MACDOUGALL

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Treasurer

J. P. KENNEDY

Secretary

D. F. POLLOCK

Belding-Corticelli *Limited*

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*For presentation to the Shareholders at the Annual Meeting to be held at the
Head Office, 1455 Shearer Street, Montreal, on Wednesday,
February 7th, 1945, at 12 o'clock noon.*

Your Directors are pleased to submit herewith the Thirty-third Annual Report and Financial Statements covering the operations of your Company for the year ended November 30th, 1944.

NET PROFIT for the year, after providing for full Depreciation, Income and Excess Profits taxes, Executive remuneration, etc., was \$126,206.23.

DIVIDENDS—During the year dividends were paid on the Preferred and Common stocks, amounting to \$90,551.00, and an extra 2% Common stock dividend of \$14,990.00 was paid out of the profits of the year 1943.

PROPERTIES—In view of the problem experienced in securing the necessary materials and supplies, your properties have been maintained in relatively good condition. As controls are relaxed or lifted, it is proposed to proceed with a policy of improvement and betterment.

SALES were the second largest in your Company's history, despite the scarcity of raw materials and the shortage of labor.

WAR EFFORT—Your Company was busily engaged during the year (in the latter part especially) producing war supplies, the final price of which has yet to be determined.

EMPLOYEES—Your Directors wish to record their appreciation of the splendid service rendered the Company by the staff during a most difficult year, and also to pay tribute to those serving their Country in the Armed Forces.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS—The Balance Sheet and accounts have been certified by Messrs. Riddell, Stead, Graham & Hutchison, Chartered Accountants, as per certificate attached.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

W. P. MACDOUGALL,
President.

Belding-Corticelli *Limited*

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH NOVEMBER, 1944

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$ 151,760.81	Bank Loan for Employees' Victory Loan Subscriptions secured by \$57,100.00 Victory Loan Bonds	\$ 57,100.00
Investments—Government Bonds, etc., at book value plus accrued interest (Approximate Market Value \$793,360.00)	788,391.74	Accounts Payable	197,859.43
Accounts and Bills Receivable, less Reserve for Discount and Doubtful Accounts	479,241.06	Sales Taxes, Pay Roll Tax deductions, etc.	33,608.73
Balance of Employees' Subscriptions to Victory Loans secured by \$59,900.00 Victory Loan Bonds of which \$57,100.00 are held by the Bank as per contra	51,602.43	Reserve for Government Taxes, subject to final determination by taxing authorities—after prepayment of \$180,000.00 ..	167,638.56
Inventories of Manufactured and Partly Manufactured products, Raw Materials, Supplies, etc., quantities and condition determined by the Management, valued on a conservative basis and not over replacement values, less Reserves (including Reserve permitted by the Excess Profits Tax Act)	711,897.97	Accrued Charges, Wages, etc.	48,880.23
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	<u>\$2,182,894.01</u>	Dividend on Preferred Stock, payable 2nd January, 1945.	15,142.75
		Dividend on Common Stock, payable 2nd January, 1945.	7,495.00
		<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	<u>\$ 527,724.70</u>
<u>GOODWILL AND TRADE MARKS</u>	1.00	<u>RESERVES</u>	
<u>PROPERTY ACCOUNTS</u>		Employees' Benefit Reserve	\$ 183,086.85
Real Estate, Plant, Machinery, Equipment and Office Furniture as at 30th November, 1943.	\$3,015,344.97	Contingent Reserves	50,039.63
Additions during year —net	54,174.45	Advertising Reserve	10,000.00
	3,069,519.42		<u>243,126.48</u>
Reserve for Depreciation	2,224,308.53	<u>CAPITAL STOCK</u>	
	845,210.89	7% Cumulative Preferred Shares of \$100.00 each.	
<u>DEFERRED CHARGES</u>		Authorized—16,500 Shares. \$1,650,000.00	
Insurance, Taxes, etc.	10,697.82	Issued 8,653 Shares.	865,300.00
Balance Coaticook Power Contract	72,000.00	Common Shares of \$100.00 each.	
	82,697.82	Authorized— 8,500 Shares. 850,000.00	
<u>REFUNDABLE PORTION OF EXCESS PROFITS TAX</u> ..	98,028.27	Issued 7,495 Shares.	749,500.00
	<u>\$3,208,831.99</u>		<u>\$2,500,000.00</u>
			1,614,800.00
		<u>CAPITAL SURPLUS</u>	74,000.00
		<u>EARNED SURPLUS</u>	
		Balance as per attached statement	651,152.54
		<u>DEFERRED SURPLUS</u>	
		Refundable Portion of Excess Profits Tax	98,028.27
			<u>\$3,208,831.99</u>

W. P. MACDOUGALL, *Director*.
J. M. MACKIE, *Director*.

MONTREAL, 12TH JANUARY, 1945.

Verified, subject to our report of this date.

(Signed) RIDDELL, STEAD, GRAHAM & HUTCHISON,
Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

Belding-Corticelli *Limited*

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER, 1944

PROFITS

For the year ended 30th November, 1944, after deducting all Manufacturing, Selling and Administration Expenses, but before providing for Depreciation, etc.	\$ 586,193.24
Income from Investments	17,005.21
Profit from Sale of Investments	5,641.68
	\$ 608,840.13

DEDUCT:

Provision for Depreciation	\$ 140,209.27
Provision for Income and Excess Profits Taxes, including refundable portion	287,032.63
Directors' Remuneration	7,440.00
Executive Remuneration	47,530.00
Legal Fees	422.00
	482,633.90
<i>Net Profit transferred to Earned Surplus</i>	\$ 126,206.23

EARNED SURPLUS

Balance at credit 30th November, 1943	\$ 631,028.96
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DEDUCT:

2% Extra Common Dividend for 1943 paid 1st March, 1944	\$ 14,990.00
Adjustments 1942/43	541.65
	15,531.65
	\$ 615,497.31

Net Profit for the year ended 30th November, 1944	126,206.23
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DEDUCT:

Dividend on Preferred Stock for the year ended 30th No- vember, 1944	\$60,571.00
Dividend on Common Stock for the year ended 30th Novem- ber, 1944	29,980.00
	90,551.00
	35,655.23

<i>Balance as per Balance Sheet</i>	\$ 651,152.54
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RIDDELL, STEAD, GRAHAM & HUTCHISON

Chartered Accountants

460 ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER ST.
P.O. BOX 2398 PLACE D'ARMES
MONTREAL, 1

12th January, 1945.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND SHAREHOLDERS
OF BELDING-CORTICELLI LIMITED,
MONTREAL, QUE.

We have examined and audited the Books and Accounts of Belding-Corticelli Limited for the year ended 30th November, 1944, and find that the accompanying Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account have been correctly prepared therefrom.

The Investments of the Company have been verified by actual inspection of the Securities held or by Certificate from the Depository.

The Inventories of Stock on hand, as certified by responsible Officials of the Company, have been valued on a conservative basis.

The Company have presently under discussion with the Department of Munitions and Supply the re-negotiation of certain Government Contracts completed during the years 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1944.

We report that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and that, in our opinion, the Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1944, 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 our information, the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of the Company.

(Signed) RIDDELL, STEAD, GRAHAM & HUTCHISON,
Auditors.

Peacetime Plans of Corty the Kitten

THOUGH WAR PRODUCTION
STILL HOLDS SWAY
I'M PLANNING FAR AHEAD
IN READINESS FOR VICTORY
AND PEACETIME GOODS
INSTEAD ...

NO GRASS IS GROWING
'NEATH MY FEET,
I'M TESTING, WORKING,
THINKING;
I'LL SWING MY PLANS
FROM WAR TO PEACE
AND DO SO WITHOUT
BLINKING ...

AND WHEN FROM OUT
THE CLOUDS OF WAR
THE SUN OF PEACE ARISES,
I'LL GREET YOU ALL
WITH COUNTLESS
HAPPY HOSIERY SURPRISES!



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