

Foreign Power Securities Corporation, Limited

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# Annual Report

For the Year Ending October 31st, 1929

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### OFFICERS

President A. J. NESBITT, Montreal

Vice-President JAS. B. WOODYATT, Montreal

#### Directors

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Treasurer Chas. Johnstone

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Assistant-Secretary V. J. NIXON

Fiscal Agents NESBITT, THOMSON & COMPANY, LIMITED

> Auditors Price, Waterhouse & Company



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### FOREIGN POWER SECURITIES CORPORATION, LIMITED

355 ST. JAMES STREET WEST

#### MONTREAL

February 10, 1930.

To the Shareholders:

Substantial progress of your Corporation is shown in the Second Annual Report which is herewith submitted by your Directors.

France is in a fair way to become one of the best lighted countries of the world. Fifty-five per cent of the districts are now being served with electricity and eighty per cent of the population is included in these districts. M. André Tardieu, Prime Minister of France, has stated in the press that if progress continues at the same rate, every French village will have electricity within five years.

It is therefore not surprising that the holdings of your Corporation in several rapidly growing French public utility companies have substantially increased in market value since our previous report. For instance, according to the last annual report, for the year 1928, of L'Energie Industrielle, in which Foreign Power Corporation holds a substantial interest, the net earnings have increased 148% since your Corporation became interested in its stock, and the 39 other power companies in France or the French Colonies in which your Corporation is directly or indirectly interested have all been expanding at a gratifying rate.

During the month of June 1929, a new \$5,000,000 issue of 6% Twenty Year First Collateral Trust Convertible Bonds (series A) was sold to the investing public. Over \$2,000,000 of this issue was taken by investors in Europe who are acquainted with the properties in which your Corporation has an interest. The proceeds from the sale of these bonds were used to retire loans incurred in the acquisition of shares of French public utility companies and to further extend our holdings in such companies.

During the fiscal year the Compagnie Hydro-Electrique du Verdon, in which your Corporation is largely interested began the construction of two hydro-electric plants on the Verdon River at Castillon and Castilanne, where a total capacity of 90,000 H.P. will be generated. These plants, which will be in operation by the end of 1931, are located within easy transmission distance of Marseilles, Toulon, Lyon and the Riviera.

The Hydro-Electrique Armoricaine, a subsidiary of L'Energie Industrielle, in which your Corporation is interested directly as well as indirectly through its interest in the parent company, has completed a 20,000 H.P. plant in Brittany. This plant is the only water power development in this region which has been served hitherto by steam plants.

The Compagnie du Gaz de Lyon, a very important subsidiary of L'Energie Industrielle, serving as it does the City of Lyon with both gas and electricity as well as the district surrounding Lyon, is expanding rapidly. This Company has one of the most progressive sales departments of any of the public utilities in France, and its progressive methods are producing substantial increases in business.

L'Energie Electrique Rhone et Jura, in which your Corporation is directly interested, has under construction a 40,000 H.P. plant on the Ain, close to its 50,000 H.P. plant on the Rhone, which should be ready for operation in 1931. The output of the new plant has been practically all contracted for, so that it is necessary for this Company to immediately commence work on the first of a series of developments on the Valserine, and it is expected that this Company will occupy a very important position amongst the large wholesale power producers in France.

A number of the other utilities in which your Corporation is interested have extensive expansion programs under way and most of them are extending their interconnections to embrace a number of municipalities beyond the boundaries of the territories now being served.

The public utilities in which your Corporation is interested operate in practically all parts of France, with the exception of the North Eastern section.

Practically all of the securities are income bearing and the earnings derived therefrom has justified the declaring by your Directors of a dividend of one dollar per share on the no par value Common stock payable on January 20th, 1930, to shareholders of record on December 31st, 1929.

During the year your Directors disposed of some of their holdings in some companies at a good profit and increased their interest in other companies.

Your Directors feel that the optimism expressed in the previous annual report has been fully justified and that the industrial progress of France will continue with resulting increased demands for power generated by the Companies in which your Corporation holds substantial interests.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

J. Re President.

### FOREIGN POWER SECURITIES CORPORATION, LIMITED

Balance Sheet as at October 31st, 1929

### ASSETS

	1929	1928	
Investments at Cost	\$11,385,948.60	\$8,172,333.38	
Cash and Call Loans	2,374,469.85	23,866.24	
Accrued Interest	94,744.12	48,584.39	
Prepaid Accounts	11,916.50	2,686.64	
Discount on Bonds	308,750.00	· • • • • • • • • •	
Incorporation Expense		8,899.68	

Approved on behalf of the Board: A. J. NESBITT JAS. B. WOODYATT Directors.

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### LIABILITIES

To the Public:		1929	1928
First Collateral Trust 6% Convertible Gold Bonds, Series "A" Authorized \$50,000,000. Bills Payable Bond Interest Accrued Preferred Dividend, payable Nov. 15th, 1929. Accounts payable		\$5,000,000.00 747,024.00 125,000.00 75,000.00 5,370.05	369,650.00 75,000.00 4,182.44
		\$5,952,394.05	\$448,832.44
To the Shareholders:			
Preferred Stock: Authorized50,000 Shares \$100. each. Issued50,000 Shares \$100 each		\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Common Stock: (of No Par Value) Authorized	250,000 shares		
LESS: Held for exchange of Stock Warrants and conversion of Bonds	125,000 shares		
Outstanding:	125,000 shares		
Representing equity in Capital & Surplu	s	3 <b>,22</b> 3,435.02	2,807,537.89
		\$14,175,829.07	\$8,256,370.33

Auditors' Report to the Shareholders:

We have examined the books and accounts of Foreign Power Securities Corporation, Limited, for the year ending October 31st, 1929, and have received all the information and explanations we have required. We have verified the securities by inspection or by certificates from the depositaries, and we certify that the above Balance Sheet at October 31st, 1929, in our opinion, shows the true financial position of Foreign Power Securities Corporation, Limited, at that date, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Corporation.

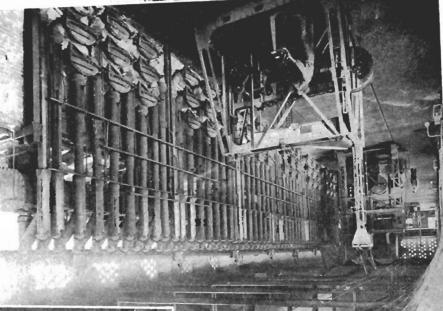
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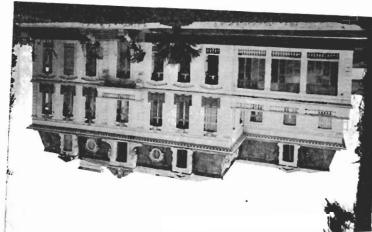
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# Foreign Power Securities Corporation, Limited

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Statement of Earnings

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	18 Months Ending Oct. 31st, 1928	12 Months Ending Oct. 31st, 1929
Revenue	\$341,039.70	\$520,092.80
Profits from Investments realized	122,820.77	416,887.24
Gross Earnings	\$463,860.47	\$936,980.04
Expenses	15,745.76	42,532.60
Taxes	4,723.70	2,832.64
	\$20,469.46	\$45,365.24
Net Earnings	443,391.01	891,614.80
Interest	9,073.48	134,950.02
Surplus for Year	434,317.53	756,664.78
Surplus Brought Forward		147,537.89
	\$434,317.53	\$904,202.67
Dividends on Preferred Stock	286,779.64	300,000.00
Discount on Bonds		16,250.00
Organization Expenses	• • • • • • • • • •	24,517.65
Surplus Carried Forward	\$147,537.89	\$563,435.02

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MONTREAL, January 9th, 1930.

(Signed) – Price, WATERHOUSE & Co., Auditors.

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Revenue Account

For the Year Ending October 31st, 1929

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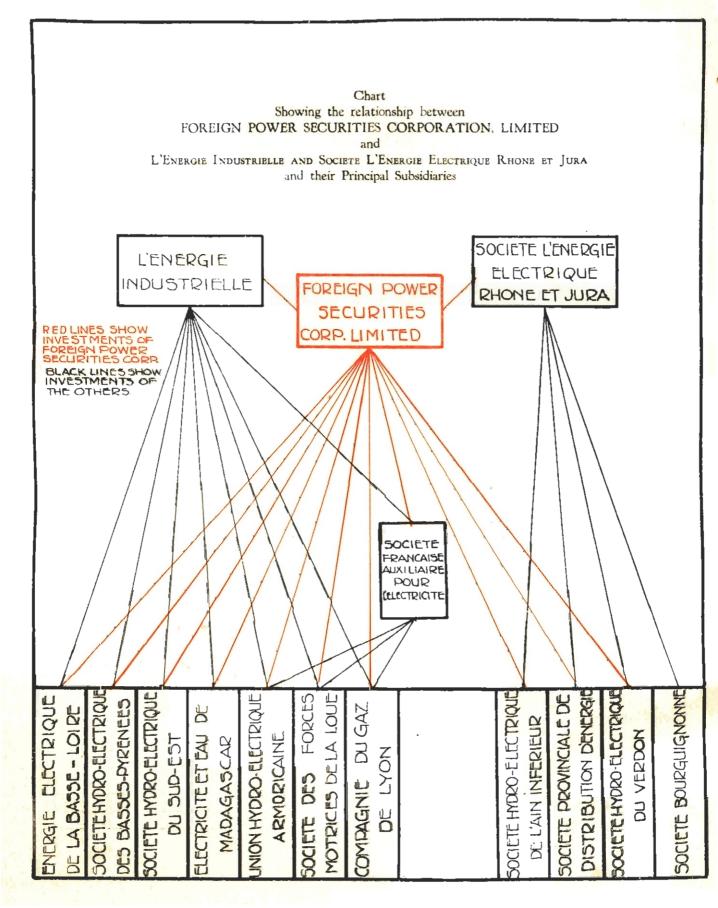
Dividends and Interest from Investments		\$520,092.80
Profit from Investments Realized		416,887.24
Interest	\$134,950.0 <b>2</b>	
Expenses.	45,365.24	
Balance.	756,664.78	
	\$936,980.04	\$936,980.04
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# Profit and Loss Account

For the Year Ending October 31st, 1929

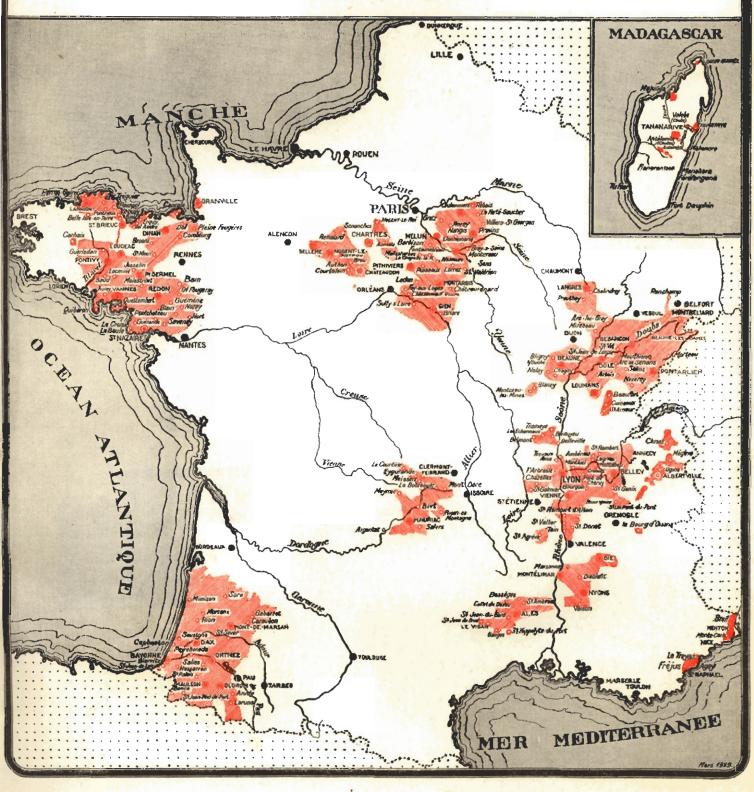
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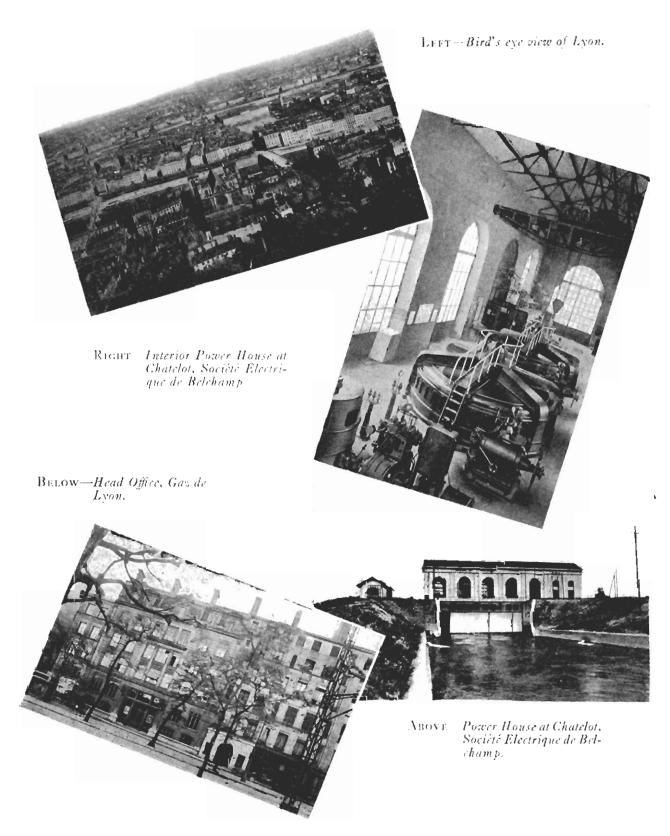
Balance at Credit October 31st, 1928		\$147,537.89
Earnings for year ending October 31st, 1929		756,664.78
Discount on Bonds	\$16,250.00	
Organization Expenses	24,517.65	
Dividends on Preferred Stock	300,000.00	
Balance at Credit October 31st, 1929, subject to deduction for Income Tax	563,435.02	
	\$904,202.67	\$904,202.67



## Colored shading shows territory served by L'ENERGIE INDUSTRIELLE

and Subsidiary Companies





Lyon is one of the most prosperous cities of Southern France. The Gaz de Lyon not only serves this important municipality, but a surrounding territory embracing a total population in excess of 1,000,000 people.