

THE MARCONI WIRELESS TELEGRAPH

Annual Report and Statement January

CANADIAN MARCONI COMPANY

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1911 ANNUAL REPORT

The Directors of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of Canada, Limited, present to the shareholders the following report of the Company's affairs with the accounts for the year ending 31st January, 1911.

Twenty-nine stations are now owned or controlled by the Company in the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland, situated at the following places:—Indian Harbour, Domino, American Tickle, Venison Island, Battle Harbour, Belle Isle, Point Amour, Point Rich, Harrington, Heath Point, Fame Point, Clarke City, Father Point, Grosse Isle, Quebec, Three Rivers, Montreal, Magdalen Islands, Cape Bear, Pictou, North Sydney, Cape Ray, Cape Race, Sable Island, Cape Sable, Halifax, St. John, Port Arthur, Ontario, Glace Bay, C.B. For the stations controlled for the Canadian and Newfoundland Governments the Company receives a subsidy, and in addition the total receipts from telegraph business. These traffic receipts have continued to increase. For the year ending January, 1909, the receipts amounted to \$19,200; for the year ending January, 1910, \$36,100, for the year ending January, 1911, \$42,630, and a proportionate increase is expected for the current year.

The number of vessels now equipped with the Marconi System is five hundred and thirty-six, of these two hundred and twenty-three large passenger steamers ply regularly on the North Atlantic route, and communicate with the magnificent system of stations established in Eastern Canada. Many of these steamers are in communication with the Company's system for three days before arriving at and after leaving port.

Negotiations with the Canadian Government regarding the terms of a new contract have recently been concluded. Under this contract the Government have purchased three of the stations, and a substantial increase in the subsidy for the control of all stations owned by them has been made.

The large sum of money expended in developing long distance communication by demonstrating that the Marconi Companies alone are successful in erecting and operating wireless stations capable of carrying on continuous service has already borne fruit in so far as the Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Limited, is concerned, and your Directors feel confident that this Company also is bound to benefit from this demonstration. Since the re-opening of this service the Transatlantic receipts from traffic have increased, improved appliances have been from time to time installed by Mr. Marconi, and large economies in the operation of the stations are being continually effected.

At the recent Imperial Conference held in London resolutions were adopted favouring the establishment of a chain of wireless telegraph stations around the World on British soil, to be intercommunicating and to be used for strategic and other purposes; and your Directors feel that work in this connection is bound to be undertaken at an early date, and that the Marconi System will undoubtedly be the system adopted.

The Directors have not taken advantage of the powers granted them at the last annual meeting to issue bonds to provide the Company with capital for further developments for various reasons, and in any case they have deemed it advisable for the present to await any action which may be taken as a result of the decision arrived at the Imperial Conference before marketing these securities.

The development of the Marconi System through the Great Lakes has been commenced by the establishment of a station at Port Arthur, Ontario, and the equipment of three vessels owned by a Port Arthur Company, and further extensive developments it is expected will be carried out at an early date and your Directors will make every effort to secure the contract for the controlling of the Canadian Government stations now being erected on the Great Lakes; and they have also every reason to believe that these stations will be entirely equipped with Marconi apparatus.

Your Directors are pleased to be able to inform you that on Tuesday, February 21st, 1911, a sweeping decision entirely in favour of the Marconi Company was given in the High Court of Justice, London, in the case of the Marconi Company versus The British Radio Telegraph and Telephone Company, Limited, the latter Company being adjudged infringers upon the British Marconi Patent 7777, which covers apparatus essential to the working of any wireless telegraph station, and your Directors are advised that the corresponding Canadian Patent could be easily upheld in the Canadian Courts should the necessity arise.

Owing to the labour and expense involved in advising the exceedingly large number of shareholders of the Company of the date of the Annual Meeting, in accordance with the present By-Laws of the Company, your Directors wish to place before you for your approval the following resolution:—

That Article three of this Company's By-Laws be amended as follows:—By striking out in paragraph 1 of the said By-Law the following words:—"written or printed notices of such Annual Meeting shall be given by the Secretary by mailing the same addressed to each stockholder of record in the books of the Company, at his or her last known residence as it may appear thereon, at least twenty-one days prior to the time fixed for holding such meeting", and substituting therefor the following words:—"Notice of such Annual Meeting shall be given by the publication of such notice in each of the following cities, namely Ottawa, Ont., Montreal, P.Q., Vancouver, B.C., Victoria, B.C., Toronto, Ont., Halifax, N.S., Winnipeg, Man. and Quebec, P.Q., by means of one insertion in a newspaper published in each of the said Cities, said publication to be made at least twenty-one days prior to the time fixed for holding said meeting."

To meet the growing demands of the public for information regarding the development of the Marconi System, the "Marconigraph" is now being published monthly by the Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Limited, and shareholders wishing to keep closely in touch with the Company's developments are advised to subscribe to this Journal. The subscription is nominal, being three shillings per annum post free.

The Newfoundland Government desire to further extend their system on the Labrador by three stations. These stations are now being erected under the terms of the existing agreements, but other terms beneficial to both the Newfoundland Government and this Company have been suggested, and we hope these terms will be finally accepted by the Newfoundland Government in lieu of the terms of the existing contracts.

The following Directors retire all of whom are eligible for re-election:—

PRESIDENT, ANDREW A. ALLAN, Esq.

VICE-PRESIDENT, G. MARCONI, Esq. D.Sc., L.L.D.

DIRECTORS:

ROBERT BICKERDIKE, Esq. M.P.

J. N. GREENSHIELDS, Esq. K.C.

GODFREY C. ISAAC, Esq.

JOHN BOTTOMLEY, Esq.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. E. REOCH,
Sec'y-Treasurer.

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BALANCE SHEET 31ST JANUARY, 1911

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.		ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.	
Property, Stations, Rights, Patents, Titles, Contracts, etc., taken at original cost,	\$5,347,999.96	Sundry,	\$35,862.35
Apparatus and Stores on Hand,	9,688.72	Due to English Company,	802,410.59
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.			838,272.94
Sundry,	\$16,471.01	CAPITAL STOCK, 1,000,000 Shares of \$5.00 each, issued and fully paid	5,000,000.00
Due by Affiliated Companies,	20,429.46		
Montreal Office Furniture,	754.79		
Cash on Hand, Head Office, Stations and Operators	8,407.84		
Organization Expenses and Deficit Account	434,521.16		
	\$5,838,272.94		\$5,838,272.94

We have examined and audited the accounts of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of Canada, Limited, and certify that the above Balance Sheet in our opinion is a correct statement of the position of the Company at 31st. January, 1911 as disclosed by the books.

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

MONTREAL, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1911.

