

REPORT
AND
ACCOUNTS

1957

The Governor and
Company of Adventurers of England
Trading into Hudson's Bay

Consolidated Financial Summary

YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1957

	1957	1956
	£	£
Sales	69,360,000	62,017,000
Trading profit	4,024,000	3,641,000
Taxes	1,854,000	1,706,000
Net trading profit	2,170,000	1,935,000
Net dividends and profits tax on distributions	745,000	692,000
Distribution, land account	140,000	140,000
Fixed assets and trade investments	16,290,000	13,718,000
Net current assets	11,223,000	12,913,000
Capital in use	27,513,000	26,631,000

Operating Results Before Taxes

Retail stores—Sales	44,092,000	38,618,000
Profit	2,408,000	2,179,000
Fur trade—Sales	9,409,000	8,634,000
Profit	825,000	766,000
Wholesale department—Sales	15,859,000	14,765,000
Profit	197,000	156,000
Royalties	509,000	435,000

Note—

The figures of Sales exclude furs sold on consignment £20,018,000 (£19,285,000)



Report to the Proprietors

CANADA achieved a record output of goods and services in 1956 and the Company's profits reflected this prosperity as well as the strength of its organisation.

Net profit after taxes of £1,854,000 was £2,170,000, or 7s. 9d. per share.

Trading dividends paid and proposed amount to 15 per cent being 3s. 0d. per share gross or 1s. 8¾d. net after United Kingdom Tax. The same distribution as last year is proposed from the Land Account of 2½ per cent. (6d. per share), half of which was paid last November with the interim trading dividend of 4 per cent.

Details of profit, interim and proposed final dividends and appropriations to reserves are shown in the Profit and Loss Account. The interim and proposed final distributions from Land Sales are shown in the Land Account.

A total of £450,000 has been appropriated to Development Reserve and £500,000 to Staff Retirement, leaving a carry forward of £223,000 from the Parent Company and £252,000 from the Subsidiaries.

Net current assets are £11,223,000. The reduction of £1,690,000 compared with last year, reflects the heavy capital expenditure of the past twelve months. £1,000,000 has been raised by way of short term loans.

This substantial capital expenditure totalled £3,322,000 which, after deducting depreciation of £1,055,000 and £141,000 representing sales of small properties, resulted in a net addition of £2,126,000 to the fixed assets.

The most important projects were the completion of the Edmonton store extension, the Calgary 'Parkade,' the Calgary store extension which will be finished in 1957, and four new Bay Stores. Additions to equipment and transport cost over £1,000,000 and £446,000 was advanced to Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas Company Ltd.

A fur sale in New York coincided with the end of the financial year, causing an increase in Creditors, and Debtors to a lesser extent, which is substantial but temporary.