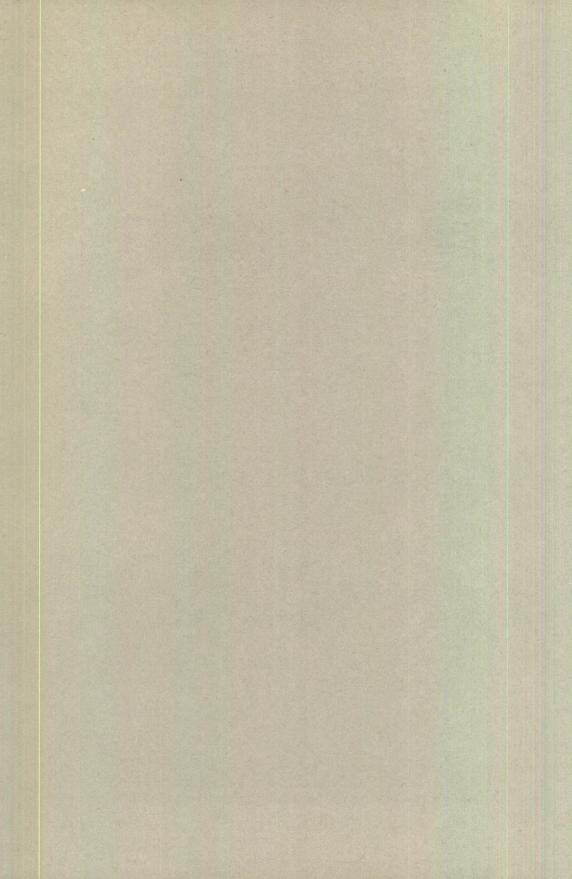


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to report that the results for 1968 for the Lever Group of companies showed record sales and net profits. Sales were \$88,613,978 and profits \$3,056,681 representing 3.4% of net sales. Sales showed an increase of 14% over 1967 and net profits 11%.

These results were significantly affected by the acquisition of the Monarch Fine Foods Company Limited at the mid year. However, the Lever company itself and our margarine business in Newfoundland both made record profits.

Highlights of the year were the launch of two important new detergent products, Amaze and Drive, both containing the new enzyme additives to improve stain removal and both being first in their respective fields to obtain national distribution. Another product first was our new water clear floor polish, Mirage, which has been well received by the consumer. Of importance was the acquisition of Monarch Fine Foods Company Limited, manufacturer of margarines and a wide list of edible oil based products. This move reflects our belief in the future development of the margarine industry in Canada.

Results of our other companies—Hart Chemical Limited, Woodbridge Moulded Products Limited and Myriad Detergents Inc.—were satisfactory. However, Hygrade Foods Inc. had a disappointing year due to intense competitive pricing in the frankfurter field. We expect greatly improved results for this company for 1969 as the market improves.

Finally, I would like to thank all our employees across Canada for their energy and loyalty which contributed so greatly to the good results in 1968.

PRESIDENT

J. C. Lockwood

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS FOR THE FIVE YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1968 in thousands of dollars

| | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Net sales | \$88,614 | 77,744 | 67,813 | 59,526 | 54,493 |
| | | | | | |
| Profit before | | | | | |
| depreciation and income taxes | \$ 8,358 | 7,509 | 4,917 | 5,279 | 4,858 |
| | | | | | |
| Provision for depreciation | 1,741 | 1,656 | 1,495 | 1,375 | 1,193 |
| Profit before | | | | | |
| provision for income taxes | \$ 6,617 | 5,853 | 3,422 | 3,904 | 3,665 |
| | | | 3,122 | 5,501 | 3,003 |
| Provision for income taxes | 3,560 | 3,111 | 1,687 | 1,968 | 1,895 |
| | | | | | 7 |
| Net profit | \$ 3,057 | 2,742 | 1,735 | 1,936 | 1,770 |

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| FINANCIAL CONDITION |
|-------------------------|
| in thousands of dollars |

| in thousands of dollars | | |
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| WE HAD THESE ASSETS: | At the end of | |
| | 1968 | 1967 |
| Working funds (net) | \$10,711 | 13,298 |
| Plant and equipment | 19,528 | 13,894 |
| Patents, trademarks, goodwill, other assets | 14,719 | 10,772 |
| Total assets | \$ <u>44,958</u> | <u>37,964</u> |
| | | |
| WE HAD BORROWED THIS CAPITAL | \$10,000 | 10,000 |
| Reserve for future taxes | 1,655 | 1,692 |
| Minority interest in subsidiaries | 644 | 677 |
| Our owners' capital was | 32,659 | 25,595 |
| OUR TOTAL CAPITAL equals the book value of our assets as | | |
| shown above | \$44,958 | 37,964 |

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