

**Company Notes****Larsen and Toubro**

(CONTINUED) expansion in the company's direct and indirect sales marks the working of Larson & Toubro Limited for the year ending March 31, 1952. Direct sales of the company, during the year, increased by over Rs 2.30 lakhs to Rs 139.85 lakhs. The company's direct sales in 1948-49 and 1949-50 amounted to only Rs 89.79 lakhs and Rs 109.39 lakhs respectively. The company's indirect sales also expanded considerably to Rs 67 lakhs, which is an increase of 60 per cent over the previous year.

Two of the companies managed by Larsen & Toubro, Alu Capsules Limited and India Crown Cork Company Limited also increased their turnover by 30 and 52 per cent respectively over the previous year. The income of Larsen & Toubro from the managed concerns thus increased by nearly 50 per cent over the previous year to Rs 3.37 lakhs.

This expansion of business in sales resulted in a significant rise in trading profits from Rs 33.03 lakhs to Rs 3b.12 lakhs. The net profits before providing for taxation were also higher at Rs 10.85 lakhs compared to Rs 7.21 lakhs in the preceding year. The provision for taxation has been raised by Rs 1.5 lakhs to Rs 5.25 lakhs. The directors have proposed to maintain the

dividend on ordinary shares at 10 per cent free of income-tax, which together with the preference dividend will absorb Rs 3.63 lakhs.

**Vulcan Insurance**

A FEATURE of last year's experience of general insurance companies was the working of marine departments at a loss. The Vulcan Insurance Co. Ltd. was no exception to this general rule but the company has not done badly on the whole, as is evident from its report for the year ending December 1951.

The net premium for the year in the Marine Department amounted to Rs 2 lakhs. The net claims paid 56.96 per cent of the premium income. Commission and expenses of management were at 49.60 per cent of premium income. Thus, the department incurred a loss of Rs 43,932 which has been transferred to the Profit and Loss Account.

The net premium income of the Fire Department amounted to Rs 21.89 lakhs. The net losses paid and outstandings were 32.96 per cent and the commission and expenses of management 37.55 per cent of the premium income. After providing for Reserve for unexpired risks at 50 per cent and increasing the additional reserves by Rs 2 lakhs, the profit of Rs 5.52 lakhs is transferred to the Profit and Loss Account.

The premium income in the Ac-

cident and Miscellaneous departments amounted to Rs 7.29 lakhs. The net losses paid and outstanding were 56.19 per cent and commission and expenses of management 42.47 per cent of the premium income. After providing for Reserve for unexpired risks at 50 per cent, the profit of Rs 52,231 is transferred to the Profit and Loss Account.

The year's working revealed a drop in Fire and Accident business. The Marine business, though unprofitable, was slightly higher than in the previous year. The total of reserves of all the departments, increased from Rs 24.75 lakhs in the previous year to Rs 25.97 lakhs. In view of the present trend of prices of shares and securities, the company has written off Rs 1.79 lakhs as depreciation on investments.

The Profit and Loss Account reveals an increase in profits carried to appropriations account from Rs 2.64 lakhs to Rs 3.36 lakhs. The dividend to shareholders has been recommended to be paid at 12 annas per share free of income-tax.

**Jayabharat Insurance**

FOR the year ending December 1951, the Jayabharat Insurance Co. Ltd., has earned a profit of Rs 5.6 lakhs mainly on account of a profit of Rs 5.3 lakhs transferred from the Fire Revenue Account. The Marine and Miscellaneous Departments on the other hand incurred losses of Rs 2,218 and Rs 16,798 respectively.

The Fire Department during the year earned a net premium income of Rs 34.57 lakhs as against Rs 25.97 lakhs in the previous year. The net claims paid and outstanding amounted to Rs 9.42 lakhs. After meeting all the expenses of management, the department made a profit of Rs 5.3 lakhs which was transferred to the Profit and Loss Account.

The Marine Department earned a net premium income of Rs 4.35 lakhs against Rs 3.73 lakhs in the previous year. The net claims paid and outstanding at the end of the year amounted to Rs 3.26 lakhs. After providing for a Reserve for unexpired risks at 100 per cent of the premium income, the department showed a loss of Rs 2,218.

The net premium income in the Miscellaneous Department rose to Rs 4.67 lakhs from Rs 2.87 lakhs in the previous year. After providing for a Reserve for unexpired risks at 50 per cent of the net premium income of the year, the department showed a loss of Rs 16,798.

The premium income in the

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Worker's Compensation Business account declined during the year under report by Rs 10,494 to Rs 1.36 lakhs. After providing for a reserve for unexpired risks at 50 per cent of the premium income, there was a profit of Rs 12,941.

During the year the Company received 2,866 new proposals for assurance amounting to Rs 94.76 lakhs out of which and those pending at the end of the previous year, 2,327 proposals resulted into policies assuring Rs 76.96 lakhs of which Rs 4.32 lakhs was reassured. This brought the total assurance in force at the close of the year to Rs 264.33 lakhs. The Life Assurance Fund alter writing off the loss of Rs 82,516 incurred on sale of investments amounted at the end of the year to Rs 25.13 lakhs.

**Fire Department**

The investments of the company as at the end of the year showed

a depreciation of Rs ½ lakh as against which the Investment Reserve stands at Rs 2¼ lakhs.

**Indian Mercantile**

THE report of the Indian Mercantile Insurance Co. Ltd. for the year ending December, 1951 give the figures as shown below for Fire, Marine and Miscellaneous Departments.

**Fire Department**

During the year under review, 3,046 proposals were received for assurance amounting to Rs 89.29 lakhs. Out of this, 2,649 proposals resulted into policies for a sum of Rs 75.83 lakhs. The total number of policies in force at the end of the year was 14,143, assuring with bonuses a sum of Rs 390.32 lakhs of which Rs 45.83 lakhs was re-insured. The Life Fund increased during the year by Rs 10 lakhs to Rs 78.10 lakhs.

The ratio of expenses of management to premium income declined during the year from 27.4 per cent to 25.2 per cent. The renewal expense ratio was also reduced from 11.5 per cent to 10.4 per cent.

The company earned a profit of Rs 2.81 lakhs for the year after allowing for the outgo of Rs 1.28 lakhs on depreciation of investments, and a loss of Rs 16,349 on sale of investments. The directors recommend a dividend of Rs 2-8 per share. The balance of Rs 2.14 lakhs subject to taxation for the years 1950 and 1951 is carried forward.

The fourth valuation report of the actuary for the period 1948 to 1951 conducted on the basis of rate of interest calculated at 2 7/8 per cent reveals a surplus of Rs 4.49 lakhs, 92.5 per cent of which is allotted to policyholders and 7.5 per cent to shareholders.

Bonus to the policyholders has been recommended at Rs 9 per thousand on Endowment Assurance policies and at Rs 12 per thousand on Whole Life Assurance policies. The valuation has shown a decent surplus inspite of writing off Rs 6.29 lakhs towards depreciation on investments in the past years. This excellent result has been made possible mainly by the low expense ratio at which the company has been conducting its the department.

(1) Department	(2) Net premium Rs lakhs	(3) Claims paid & outstanding Rs lakhs	(4) Net commission and expenses of management Rs lakhs	(5) Reserve for unexpired risks Rs lakhs	(6) Percentage of (5) to (2)	(7) Profit or Loss transferred to Profit & Loss A/c (+ or -) Rs lakhs
Fire	12.6	2.95	4.99	6.3	50	+3.63
Marine	2.38	1.49	0.6	2.38	100	-0.31
Misc.	6.18	2.55	2.61	3.09	50	+0.29

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