

STATEMENT OF THE COUNTRY PRESS CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.

I, Charles Seymour Carr, the manager of the Country Press Co-Operative Company Limited, do solemnly and sincerely declare:—

That the capital of the Company is £2,000, divided into 2,000 shares of £1 each, on 1248 of which £431 3s 6d has been paid up in money.

That the number of shares issued is 1,248.

That calls to the amount of seven shillings per share have been made, amounting to £436 16s. under which the sum of £431 3s 6d has been actually paid, and *bona fide* received in money.

The Country Press Co-Operative Company, Limited.

Statement of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE, 31st December, 1897.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Balance, 30th June, 1897	£54 0 1	By Salaries, Wages, Rent	£286 2 11
„ Sundry Debtors	700 7 4	„ Directors' Expenses	14 4 6
		„ Sundry Creditors	95 2 11
		„ Commission	151 15 2
		„ Stationery and Printing	9 6 3
		„ Postage	20 15 8
		„ General Expenses	17 13 8
		„ Stereos	18 18 0
		„ Stock	86 11 4
		„ Balance 31st December, 1897	53 17 0
	£754 7 5		£754 7 5

BALANCE-SHEET for the Half-Year ending 31st December, 1897.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Capital authorised, 2,000 shares at £1	£2000 0 0	Office Furniture (40 written off cost)	£82 13 0
Subscribed, 1,248 shares at £1	1248 0 0	Trade Stereos, &c.	270 17 3
Uncalled, 13s. per share	811 4 0	Stock (at cost)	124 0 2
1248 shares at 7s	436 16 0	Sundry Debtors	1113 2 10
Deduct arrears of calls	5 12 6	Cash in hand	£41 14 11
	£431 3 6	National Bank	12 2 1
Sundry Creditors	300 13 11		53 17 0
„ „ bills payable	117 14 2		
Profit and Loss Account	794 18 8		
	£1644 10 3		£1644 10 3

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To Salaries, Office Expenses, and Rent	£223 3 10	By Balance, 30th June, 1897	£767 12 0
„ Commission	59 5 7	„ Supplement Advertisements	318 2 0
„ Directors' Expenses	8 6 0	„ Stereo Hire	77 13 1
„ Law Costs	2 2 0		
„ Furniture (written off)	20 0 0		
„ Christmas Supplements	55 11 0		
„ Balance	794 18 8		
	£1163 7 1		£1163 7 1

Capital, £431 3s 6d.

Reserve Fund—Nil.

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, £794 18s 8d.

Names, addresses, and occupations of the persons who are the directors of the Company at the date of this Statement—Henry Falkiner Swords, Newspaper Proprietor, Dandenong; Henry Alfred Luke, Newspaper Proprietor, Sale; John Bowser, M.L.A., Newspaper Proprietor, Wangaratta; James George Upton, Newspaper Proprietor, Camperdown; Edward Francis Hughes, Newspaper Proprietor, Casterton; Charles Ferris Lewis, Newspaper Proprietor, St. Arnaud.

I, Charles Seymour Carr, of 124 William Street, Melbourne, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the Manager of the Company, and that the above Statement is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, true in every particular; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Victoria, rendering persons making a false declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

C. S. CARR.

Declared before me at Melbourne, this 2nd day of April, 1898.

A. ASHER, J.P.

2nd April, 1898.

We, Henry Falkiner Swords, of Dandenong, and Henry Alfred Luke, of Sale, being two of the directors of the Country Press Co-operative Company Limited, do hereby certify that in our opinion the above statement is correct.

Witness—W. J. COCHRAN.

H. F. SWORDS.

H. A. LUKE.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have audited the accounts of the Country Press Co-operative Company Limited for the half-year ending 31st December, 1897; and the Balance-sheet, signed by me, is, in my opinion, correct, and drawn up in accordance with the Companies' Acts, and presents a correct view of the Company's affairs.

I also report that during the said audit I have not observed, or become acquainted with, any breach of the Company's Acts committed by the Company or any director, manager, employé, auditor, or shareholder thereof, and that all my requisitions as auditor have been duly complied with.

Signed this 26th day of March, 1898.

J. J. WILSON, AUDITOR.

The Country Press Co-operative Company, Limited,

124 WILLIAM STREET.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS,—

Gentlemen,

Your Directors beg to lay before you the Balance-sheet for the Half-Year ending 31st December, 1897.

Supplement Advertisements for the Half-Year amounted to £318 2s, and the Balance to credit of Profit and Loss to £794 18s 8d, out of which your Directors recommend the payment of a Dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum.

The usual Christmas Supplement was issued at a cost of £55 11s.

The Telegraphic and Stereo Service continues to expand steadily; but your Directors regret that Advertising continues slack, and that consequently the Association can do little more than "mark time" until a return of prosperous seasons brings about a revival of enterprise in this direction in the City.

It will be necessary to elect Two Directors in place of Messrs H. A. Luke and H. F. Swords, who retire by effluxion of time, and are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly, also an Auditor, Mr. J. J. Wilson being again a Candidate.

By order of the Board,

H. F. SWORDS,

Chairman.

COUNTRY PRESS CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY LTD.,

124 WILLIAM STREET.

NOTICE is hereby given that the HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Country Press Co-operative Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of the Company, 124 William Street, Melbourne, on THURSDAY, 19th MAY, 1898, at 12.30 p.m.

BUSINESS:

To Receive Report and Balance-sheet for Half-year ending 31st December, 1897.

To Elect Directors

To Elect an Auditor.

By order of the Board,

C. S. CARR, MANAGER.

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RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Sundry Debtors	£633 1 6	By Salaries, Wages, Rent, &c.	£268 14 11
„ Balance 30th June, 1896	78 0 4	„ Directors' Expenses	9 13 3
		„ Sundry Creditors	75 10 7
		„ Commission	76 15 9
		„ Stationery and Printing	4 1 6
		„ Postage	20 4 4
		„ General Expenses	14 19 7
		„ Stereo Plant, &c.	21 19 8
		„ Stereo Carriage, Repairs, &c.	2 16 0
		„ Stock	2 2 0
		„ do. Bill	166 4 11
		„ Petty	6 7
		„ Balance 30th June, 1896	47 12 9
	£711 1 10		£711 1 10

Profit and Loss Account.

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To Salaries, Office Expenses, Rent	£203 9 4	By Balance 30th June, 1896	£750 17 7
„ Directors' Expenses	11 3 8	„ Supplement Advertisements	313 4 0
„ Commission	42 9 11	„ Stereo Hire	65 6 3
„ Copyrights	41 4 0		
„ Christmas Supplement	55 5 0		
„ Discount and Exchange	1 15 0		
„ Balance	776 1 4		
	£1129 7 10		£1129 7 10

BALANCE-SHEET.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Capital authorised, 2000 shares at £1	£2000 0 0	Office Furniture (at cost)	£122 13 0
Subscribed, 1248 shares at £1	1248 0 0	Type, Stereos, &c.	278 17 6
Uncalled, 13s per share	811 4 0	Stock (at cost)	42 15 11
1248 shares at 7s per share	436 16 0	Cash in hand and National Bank	47 12 9
Deduct arrears of calls	5 12 6	Sundry Debtors	990 2 0
	£131 3 6		
Sundry Creditors	274 16 4		
Profit and Loss Account	776 1 4		
	£1482 1 2		£1482 1 2

Capital, £431 3s 6d.

Reserve Fund—Nil.

Balance of Profit and Loss Account—£776 1 4.

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Declared before me at Melbourne, this 2nd day of April, 1898

CHAS. S. CARR,

A. Asher

2nd 1898

9th April, 1898

We, Henry Falkiner Swords, of Dandenong, and John Bowser, of Wangaratta, being two of the directors of the Country Press Co-operative Company Limited do hereby certify that in our opinion the above statement is correct.

Witness—W. J. COCHRAN.

H. F. SWORDS,

JOHN BOWSER,

H. A. Luke

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I also report that during the said audit I have not observed, or become acquainted with, any breach of the Company's Acts committed by the Company or any director, manager, employé, auditor, or shareholder thereof, and that all my requisitions as auditor have been duly complied with.

26th March
Signed this 26th day of March, 1898

J. J. WILSON, AUDITOR.

The Country Press Co-Operative Company Limited.

124 WILLIAM STREET.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS,—

Gentlemen,

The state of business in the City generally is reflected in the Balance-sheet. The competition for what little advertising has been offering for country newspapers continues very keen. The hoardings at railway stations are for the present apparently greatly in favor with advertisers, the Government thus becoming a formidable competitor with the newspaper proprietors.

The usual Christmas Supplement was presented to members.

The advisability of altering the articles of association in several directions, among others to provide a rule that no shareholder of the Company shall after having quoted an advertising rate to the Company's manager quote a lower rate to any rival firm for the same, will be brought up for discussion.

The paucity of the attendance of members at the general meetings is still a noticeable feature and with the object of securing a better attendance the meeting has been fixed for Easter Saturday.

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124 William street.

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BUSINESS:

To Receive Report and Balance-sheet for Half-year ending 31st December, 1897.

To Elect Directors

To Elect an Auditor

To discuss the advisability of Altering the Articles of Association

By order of the Board,

C. S. CARR, MANAGER.

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