

U. S. RUBBER MEETING.

Old Management Will Fight for Control—Had Year, Good Prospects.

New Brunswick, May 20.—At the annual meeting of the United States Rubber Company held here yesterday Samuel P. Colt reported concerning its finances.

The result of the year's business, so far as profit is concerned, is not flattering. But while it is true that the operations of the United States Rubber Company and its subsidiary companies show only a very small profit, it is also true that the operations of the United States Rubber Company and its subsidiary companies show only a very small profit.

The management has recently consummated the financing of the entire floating indebtedness of the United States Rubber Company and of its subsidiary companies by the issuing of \$12,000,000 3 per cent three-year funding notes.

The consolidated company will own three real estate plants, with hotels, bath houses and pavilions, the net cost of the company will be the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Company. Its total capitalization will be \$9,000,000.

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STREET RAILROAD DEAL.

Consolidation of Company to Take Over a Dozen Companies—Near Norfolk.

Baltimore, May 20.—The plan to consolidate the street railway, lighting, heating, ice factory and kindred interests at Norfolk and neighborhood was settled upon to-day.

An underwriting syndicate is being formed by Messrs. Alexander Brown & Sons and J. William Middlefield & Co., of Baltimore, Va., to finance the deal.

There are twelve companies to be consolidated. Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company, Citizens Railway and Power Company of Newport News, Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal Company, Danville Railway and Electric Company, Newport News Gas and Electric Company, Norfolk Light Company, City Gas Company, Norfolk National Gas Company, Berkley Berkley Street Railway Company, Portsmouth Electric and Gas Company, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Railway Company.

The companies embrace seven electric railway systems owning and operating 120 miles of trackage, and occupying the principal streets of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News, Hampton, Old Point, Berkley, Plummer's Point, Lumber Point, Port Norfolk and South Norfolk, covering three cities and eight towns around Hampton Roads.

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