DIRECTORS

C N Bancroft W G Bancroft P S Mace J P Denker

SECRETARY

C N Bancroft

REGISTERED OFFICE

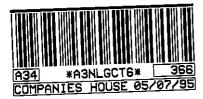
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BANKERS

Barclays Bank PLC 13 Leeds Road Hipperholme Halifax

AUDITORS

Bostocks Chartered Accountants Empire House 15 Mulcture Hall Road Halifax



DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 1994

To be submitted to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

TRADING AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company continued to trade as shipping agents and hauliers. The result for the year is shown on page 4.

DIRECTORS

The interests of the directors who have served throughout the year in the shares of the company were:

		Ordinary shares	of theach
		31.12.94	31.12.93
C N Bancroft		-	-
W G Bancroft		_	-
PS Mace	(appointed 1.4.1995)	-	-
J P Denker	(åppointed 1.4.1995)	-	-

In accordance with the Articles of Association C N Bancroft now retires by rotation but, being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.

P S Mace and J P Denker also retire in accordance with the Articles of Association and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ACCOUNTS

Company Law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those accounts, they directors are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

prepare the accounts on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS

Under the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 the auditors, Bostocks Chartered Accountants, now retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

SMALL COMPANY EXEMPTIONS

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Part II of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985.

By Order of the Board

Secretary

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

To The Members of Connection Freight Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages 4 to 8 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 1994 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

BOSTOCKS

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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REGISTERED AUDITOR

19 April 1995

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 1994

		1994 F	1993 £
	Note	£.	<i>ب</i>
TURNOVER	2	943,768	804,419
Cost of sales		488,183	369,741
GROSS PROFIT		455,585	434,678
Administrative expenses		409,944	431,601
OPERATING PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BITORE TAXATION	4	45,641	3,077
CORPORATION TAX	5	10,240	221
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION		35,401	2,856
DIVIDEND	6	13,000 22,401	2,856
BALANCE BROULG IT FORWARD		71,779	68,923
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		94,180	71,779

There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Profit & Loss Account.

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these accounts

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 1994

	Note	£ <u>1994</u>	£	£ <u>1993</u>	£
FIXED ASSEIS					
Tangible	7		21,149		6,594
CURRENT ASSEIS					
Debtors Cash at bank Cash in hand	8	156,427 99,974 715 257,116		148,223 18,019 1,964 168,206	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	166,858		102,921	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	·		$\frac{90,258}{111,407}$		65,285 71,879
CREDITIORS: AMOUNIS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	10		17,127 94,280		71,879
CPAITAL AND RESERVES					
CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	11		100		100
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT			94,180 94,280		71,779

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Part 1 of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985, on the grounds that the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions as a small company.

W G Bancroft

Directors

C N Bancroft

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these accounts

The accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 19 April 1995

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CONNECTION FREIGHT LIMITED

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 1994

1	ACCOUNTING	POLICIES

Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

TAXATION OF PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

Corporation tax @ 25%

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 TURNOVER

Turnover represents the total net amount receivable by the company in respect of goods and services provided.

3 EMPLOYEES

3	PPLOYPES		
	The average number of employees (including directors) within employment	categories were:	1993
	Production	15	14
	Administration	5	5
			
	Payroll costs were:		
	Wages and salaries	200,717	193,260
	Social security costs	19,453	17,642
	booking booking, cooks	220,170	210,902
4	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		
	Profit on ordinary activities is arrived at after charging:		
	Directors' remuneration, including pension premiums	24,942	16,141
	Auditors' remuneration	1,750	1,600
	Depreciation	4,677	5,819
	Hire purchase interest	1,075	2,238
	Bank interest	_	768
	Bank interest received	(1,425)	- (1 550)
	(Profit)/loss on sale of fixed assets	<u>(980</u>)	<u>(1,559</u>)
	Directors' salaries:		
	Highest paid director	22,942	14,141
	Other diseasemen	Numbers	Numbers
	Other directors:	Muners	Mullers
	£0 – £5,000	1	1
			

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 1994

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6	DIVIDEND				6
	Ordinary: 13,000% paid 31 December 1994			£ 13,000	£
•	No advance corporation tax is payable in re S.247 of ICTA 1988.	espect of the d	ividend by virtu	e of an electi	ion under
7	Cost 1 January 1994 Additions (Sales) 31 December 1994	Motor vehicles £ 19,154 13,720 (11,503) 21,371	Office equipment f 8,718 6,232	Total. 1994 £ 27,872 19,952 (11,503) 36,321	Tota1 1993 £ 33,704 2,528 (8,360) 27,872
	Depreciation 1 January 1994 Provided (On sales) 31 December 1994	15,799 3,093 (10,783) 8,109	5,479 1,584 ————————————————————————————————————	21,278 4,677 (10,783) 15,172	23,261 5,819 (7,802) 21,278
	Net book values 31 December 1994	13,262	7,887	21,149	6,594
	Depreciation is provided at the following n	rates based on o	cost:		
	Motor vehicles - 25% per Office equipment - 20% per				
8	DEBTORS			1994	<u>1993</u>
	Trade debtors Prepayments and accrued income			135,866 20,561 156,427	121,076 27,147 148,223
9	CREDITIORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE	YEAR			
	Loan: Holding company Hire purchase loans Trade creditors Social security Accruals Corporation tax payable 1 October 1995	·		5,247 4,126 99,835 12,113 35,297 10,240 166,858	5,247 575 75,922 5,687 15,269 221 102,921

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 1994

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10	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	1994	1993
:	Loan: Holding company Hire purchase loans	13,000 4,127 17,127	
11	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
	Authorised, issued and fully paid:		
	100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100

12 HOLDING COMPANY

The holding company is W Bancroft & Sons (Halifax) Limited, incorporated in England, which owns 99% of the issued share capital of the company.

13 CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1, the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a Cash Flow Statement on the grounds of its size.