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PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY FILES FOR DEBENTURE OFFERING

Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, Victoria, British Columbia, today filed a registration statement (File 2-13708) with the SEC seeking registration of \$30,000,000 of Sinking Fund Debentures, Series D, due 1987. The debentures, which will be unconditionally guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by the Province of British Columbia, are to be offered for public sale through an underwriting group headed by Morgan Stanley & Co., Harris & Partners, Inc., and Burns Bros. & Denton, Inc. The interest rate, public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment.

Net proceeds from the sale of the \$30,000,000 of debentures will be added to the general funds of the Railway and will be used by it for reduction of Demand Note indebtedness incurred for capital expenditure purposes (of which \$34,483,159 was outstanding as of October 3, 1957). The company is now engaged in another major construction program, the Peace River Extension, which will extend the northern end of the Railway from Prince George 194 miles to a junction at Little Prairie (Chetwynd) from which one line will run 65 miles to Dawson Creek and another line approximately the same distance to Fort St. John. The cost of this construction, expected to be completed in 1958, is estimated at \$49,000,000, of which \$34,226,000 had been expended to July 31, 1957.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE FILES FOR DEBENTURE OFFERING

Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Detroit, today filed a registration statement (File 2-13709) with the SEC seeking registration of \$40,000,000 of Thirty-five year Debentures, due November 1, 1992, to be offered for public sale at competitive bidding. The company intends to apply the net proceeds of this financing toward the repayment of advances from its parent, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, which are expected to approximate \$45,400,000 at the time the proceeds are received. These advances are obtained in conformity with an established practice of borrowing from the parent, as need therefor arises, for general corporate purposes, including property additions and improvements.

ZALE JEWELRY FILES FOR COMMON STOCK OFFERING

Zale Jewelry Company, Inc., Dallas, today filed a registration statement (File 2-13710) with the SEC seeking registration of 100,000 shares of its \$1 par Common Stock. The company proposes to offer these shares for public sale through an underwriting group headed by Eppler, Guerin & Turner, Inc., of Dallas. The public offering price and underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. In addition to the underwriting commission, the company is issuing to the underwriters, at the price of 1¢ per warrant, subscription warrants for the purchase of 10,000 common shares at the public offering price of the 100,000 shares.

Net proceeds to the company from the sale of the 100,000 shares will be added to its general funds. It is presently contemplated that all or most of such proceeds will be used for acquiring the assets or total capital stock of additional retail and wholesale stores and establishments to continue the expansion of the company's operations.

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