

Northwest Grain Storage Capacity.

Following is the elevator & grain storage capacity in Manitoba & the Northwest Territories, including Port Arthur, Fort William & Keewatin:—

Canadian Pacific Ry.....	17,243,000 bush.
Northern Pacific Ry.....	1,641,000 "
Manitoba & Northwestern Ry.	1,302,500 "
Great Northwest Central Ry.	492,000 "
Canadian Northern Ry.....	230,000 "
Manitoba & Southeastern Ry.	40,000 "
Total.....	20,908,000

The largest elevators are those of the C.P. R. Co. at Fort William, viz., A, B, & D, 1,250,000 bush. each, & C, 1,500,000 bush.; Lake of the Woods Milling Co., Keewatin, 750,000 bush.; Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, 320,000 bush.; C.P.R., Port Arthur, 315,000 bush.; Northern Elevator Co., Winnipeg, 140,000 bush.; Alexander, Kelly & Co., Brandon, 125,000 bush.; Farmers' Elevator Co., Portage la Prairie, 110,000 bush.

The following figures showing the storage capacity on Jan. 1 of each year since 1891, shows its rapid growth:—

1891.....	7,628,000 bush.
1892.....	10,366,800 "
1893.....	11,467,100 "
1894.....	11,817,100 "
1895.....	12,000,000 "
1896.....	13,873,600 "
1897.....	14,999,300 "
1898.....	18,378,500 "
1899.....	19,958,000 "
1900.....	20,908,000 "

The daily capacity of the flour mills in Manitoba & the Territories is 10,230 barrels, & of the oatmeal mills 750 barrels.

The following table shows the Manitoba wheat export, including flour, the export of the Territories being included during the last years:—

Crop 1886.....	4,000,000 bush.
" 1887.....	10,500,000 "
" 1888.....	4,000,000 "
" 1889.....	4,500,000 "
" 1890.....	11,500,000 "
" 1891.....	14,000,000 "
" 1892.....	14,000,000 "
" 1893.....	12,000,000 "
" 1894.....	15,000,000 "
" 1895.....	29,000,000 "
" 1896.....	14,000,000 "
" 1897.....	22,000,000 "
" 1898.....	23,000,000 "
" 1899.....	35,000,000 "

ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.**Maritime Provinces & Newfoundland.**

The Cape Breton Electric Tramway Co. has been incorporated by the Nova Scotia Legislature.

Quebec Electric Railways.

Montreal Park & Island Ry.—On Mar. 30 Judge Charland rendered judgment in the case of the town of St. Louis against this Co. & D. Morrice & others, intervenants. The case arises out of contract existing between the town & the Co. for the operation of an electric road on certain streets, viz., St. Lawrence, St. Urban, Park avenue, St. Louis & Mount Royal. The town asked that the franchise be annulled on the ground that the Co. had not fulfilled its obligations of giving an electric service similar to that given by the Montreal St. Ry. in the city. A by-law was adopted by the Council in 1893, in favor of A. J. Corriveau & others, & transferred by the latter to the defendant, granting the franchise

in question. The electric road on Park avenue & St. Lawrence St. was to be in operation in 1893; the fares & timetable were to be the same as those of the Montreal St. Ry.; tickets were to be sold at the rates of the latter company, & transfer tickets to be accepted by both companies were to be given. Exemption from taxation was granted for a term of years, & the Council reserved the right to cancel the contract if the Co. failed to carry out its contract, which the town alleged it did. A notarial contract was passed, & later the Co. was substituted to Corriveau et al. in all the rights of the latter. After quoting the clauses in the contract between the city & Montreal St. Ry. as to service, fares, etc., the town proved that these conditions had not been fulfilled, & asked that the contract be annulled. A judgment was rendered at the instance of the town on Mar. 15, 1898, giving the defendant two months in which to carry out its obligations. An intervention was subsequently produced to the effect that the road had been declared a road to the general advantage of Canada, & placed under the control of the Railway Committee of the City Council, & that the Co. had mortgaged all its property to the intervenants as trustees for the bondholders who had secured the Co.'s debentures in good faith. It has been proven that the Co. has not complied with its obligations as defined by the judgment of Mar. 11, 1898, which was confirmed in appeal on June 17, 1898, ordering the Co. to carry out its contract & remove the grievances of which the town complained. In consequence the Co. is now declared to have forfeited the privileges granted it in its contract with the town & by the by-law adopted by the Council, but this without prejudice to the acquired rights of third parties. The Court held there was no reason to grant the \$6,000 damages asked for by the town on the ground that these damages are not the direct result of the inexecution of the Co.'s obligations. The annulment of the by-law & contract does not either carry with it the obligation on the part of the Co. to reimburse to the town \$18,559 which the town claimed it had incurred in expenses for reasons set forth in the town's demands. Nor is the town justified in asking that the penalty of \$20 a day from the date of the institution of the action until final judgment be imposed. The judgment concludes by stating that the annulment pronounced cannot affect the acquired rights of the intervenants, & for this reason rejects the pleas of the Co. & the intervenants' intervention & maintains the action in part, declares the contract of April, 1893, dissolved & authorizes the Council to repeal the by-law of Mar. 27, 1893, the whole without prejudice to acquired right of third parties & condemns the defendant & intervenants respectively to the costs of action & intervention & rejects the surplus of plaintiff's conclusions. The judgment is unsatisfactory both to plaintiff & defendant & is being appealed from.

Montreal St. Ry.—The gross earnings are:

	1899-1900.	1898-1899.	Increase.
Oct.....	\$145,877.20	\$133,619.63	\$12,257.57
Nov.....	133,489.12	125,125.09	8,364.03
Dec.....	137,681.19	127,768.38	9,912.81
Jan.....	136,086.33	125,276.04	10,810.29
Feb.....	125,509.64	113,838.02	8,671.62
Mar.....	127,212.18	123,754.11	3,458.07
	\$802,855.66	\$749,381.27	\$53,474.39

The shareholders have authorized the issue of \$1,000,000 additional stock to provide for extensions of the line, power plant, rolling stock, etc. It will be issued to the shareholders at par, 1 share for each 5 held.

It is said negotiations between the M.S.R. Co. & the Royal Electric & Chambly Power Companies for an advantageous contract to all concerned are nearing completion.

The Co. has been fined \$25 & costs for not maintaining a proper service on Amherst St.

It is rumored that the Co. will provide special cars for smokers.

Quebec Ry., Light & Power Co.—Notice is given that the Co. has deposited in the office of the Secretary of State two mortgage deeds to the Montreal Trust & Deposit Co., executed for the purpose of securing bonds issued by the Co.

Ontario Electric Railways.

The Belleville Electric Ry. was advertised to be sold on Mar. 1, but no bids were made for the property. The Bank of Montreal is said to control it & is now offering it by private sale. (Feb., pg. 55.)

The Central Ontario Power Co., recently incorporated, has elected the following officers: President, Hon. R. Harcourt; Vice-President, F. A. Hall; Managing Director, J. A. Culverwell; other directors, Hon. P. McLaren, E. Coste, M.E., J. Kendry, M.P., R. J. McLaughlin, F. W. Barrett, E. T. Adams, M.D., H. J. Taylor & H. E. Larkin. The company has opened its head offices at Peterborough. (Mar., pg. 91.)

Electric & Street Railway Mortgages.—The Attorney-General has introduced a bill in the Ontario Legislature, providing that every mortgage made by any company incorporated under the provisions of The Electric Railway Act, or of The Street Railway Act, whenever the deed creating such mortgage encumbrance may have been executed may be enforced by judgment for foreclosure or sale in the same manner & to the same extent as such mortgage could be so enforced if the same had been made by a company not incorporated for any public purpose; & that effect shall be given to this act as well in any action now pending as in any which may be hereinafter brought. In moving the second reading of the bill the Attorney-General said its object is to enable mortgages securing the bonds of such companies to be enforced by judgment for foreclosure or sale in the same manner & to the same extent as the mortgages of other railway companies. The spirit of recent English decisions is where a public franchise is concerned no proceedings shall be taken upon the mortgage which shall lead to the breaking up of the undertaking or have the effect of depriving the public of any benefit resulting from the enterprise. The same principle is now sought to be applied to electric railways & street railways in Ontario. Mr. Whitney said the bill was of great importance & should be carefully considered. He cited the case of the Sun Life Insurance Co. of Montreal & the Cornwall St. Ry. The former company held a mortgage on the railway, & the result of foreclosure proceedings under this act would be that a Quebec or Dominion company would be operating an Ontario street railway. The Attorney-General said that with reference to the case pointed out, next session a new charter might issue providing for the operation of the Co. under the proper legislative jurisdiction.

When the House went into committee on the bill the Attorney-General amended it by providing that the purchaser of such a company under any lawful proceeding shall transmit to the Provincial Secretary a full statement of the company, & until he does so he may not operate the road; the Provincial Secretary will grant a license to run, & at the first following session of the Legislature application will be made for incorporation or authority to operate the railway, unless incorporation has meantime taken place under the general act.

Fort Erie to Chippawa.—It is impossible to get any information as to what the people who have arranged with the commissioners of the Niagara Falls Park intend to do in connection with the construction of this line. T. C. Frenyear, of Buffalo, who is interested in the scheme, replies to an inquiry that there is nothing to be said on the subject at present. (Jan., pg. 26.)