

## Electric Railway Notes.

The Dominion Power & Transmission Co., Hamilton, Ont., has ordered a snow sweeper from Preston Car & Coach Co.

The Lake Erie & Northern and the Hamilton and Brantford Ry. joint station at Brantford, Ont., was opened for business Dec. 16.

The Three Rivers Traction Co. has received a combination freight car and snow plough from the Ottawa Car Manufacturing Co.

The Saskatoon, Sask., City Council decided, Dec. 13, to provide a shelter for convenience of street car passengers at the corner of Seventh Ave. and Princess St. at a cost of \$150.

The Vancouver City Council is considering the acquiring of sites for the erection of power plants, so as to be in a position to have its own electric power when the British Columbia Electric Ry.'s franchise expires.

The Board of Railway Commissioners has approved the agreement of the City of Brantford, Ont., as owner of the Brantford Municipal Ry., with the Lake Erie & Northern Ry., for the sale by the city of a portion of the Grand Valley Ry.

The Quebec Ry., Light & Power Co. is building 2 additional double truck, single end, p.a.y.e. cars, 40 ft. long over all, to be numbered 654 and 655, at its Ste. Anne de Beaupre shops. This makes 6 cars of this type built at the company's shops.

Alderman R. G. Duncan, of Fort William, Ont., speaking at a meeting at Port Arthur, Dec. 15, is reported to have said that it costs 6c to furnish a street car ride between Port Arthur and Fort William, in which both cities are interested, and for which only a 5c fare is charged.

The British Columbia Electric Ry. Social Club's annual gathering was held recently, W. G. Murrin, Assistant General Manager of the company and President of the club, being in the chair. The speakers included G. Kidd, General Manager; A. T. Goward, Local Manager, Victoria; G. Porter, Chief Electrical Engineer, and V. Laureson, Permanent Counsel.

Controller Cote, of Montreal, has been fined \$1,000 for contempt of court in connection with the disregarding by the Board of Control of an injunction to restrain it from considering what is known as the Hebert proposal for a new franchise for the Montreal Tramways Co. This is the third fine inflicted, the other fines of a similar amount being upon Mayor Martin and ex-Controller Hebert.

On a motion to commit R. J. Fleming, General Manager, Toronto Ry., to jail for contempt, in not complying with the court's order to furnish certain information to the City of Toronto, Justice Middleton, at Toronto, Dec. 18, postponed judgment for three months, to enable the parties concerned to get together with a view to agreeing as to the information required and the best means of obtaining it.

A plan is under the consideration of the Port Arthur, Ont., Utilities Commission for the installation of a clock at the corner of Arthur and Cumberland Sts., on which there will be a dial showing the time of arrival at that point of cars travelling in all directions. As the clock will register the time and at the same time show when the next car is due, it is believed that the installation would be of great benefit.

The City of Vancouver, B.C., in order to safeguard the public at bridges in

which there is a draw or swing span, has decided to adopt special protective devices. The Granville St. bridge is to be provided with them at once, and it is expected that the Connaught St. swing span over the Main St. bascule bridges will be equipped later. These devices are in addition to those already provided by the British Columbia Electric Ry.

It is reported that Montreal ratepayers will vote in September next as to whether the present system of city government, consisting of a mayor, board of control and aldermen, shall be abolished or not, and replaced by a commission, Lord Shaughnessy, Sir Alexander Lacoste and Senator Beaubien being spoken of as probable commissioners. It is also stated that a special subcommission consisting of Senators Beaubien and Casgrain, and F. J. Cockburn, of the Bank of Montreal, will arrange a new franchise for the Montreal Tramways Co.

## Mainly About Electric Railway People.

W. Perrin, Superintendent, Metropolitan Division, Toronto & York Radial Ry., Toronto, has resigned.

L. P. McClelland has been appointed acting Superintendent, Metropolitan Division, Toronto & York Radial Ry., vice W. Perrin, resigned.

Lt. Col. G. C. Royce, General Manager, Toronto Suburban Ry., is endeavoring to enlist 1,200 men for the 255th Queen's Own Battalion, Toronto, which he has been authorized to raise.

J. J. Callahan, formerly Manager of Operation, London & Port Stanley Ry., London, Ont., has been appointed Superintendent, Oshawa Ry., Deseronto, Ont., vice D. A. Valteau, resigned.

C. W. Mott, heretofore Chief Dispatcher, Metropolitan Division, Toronto & York Radial Ry., has been appointed Superintendent of all the company's lines. Office, Toronto. This is a new position.

George Lowery, heretofore dispatcher, Metropolitan Division, Toronto & York Radial Ry., has been appointed Chief Dispatcher of that division, succeeding C. W. Mott, promoted to be Superintendent. Office, Toronto.

A. K. Bunnell, City Treasurer of Brantford, Ont., and a former member of the Brantford Railway Commission, lectured on municipal finance to the Epworth League of Colborne St. Methodist Church, Brantford, recently.

Sir Geo. White, who died at Bristol, Eng., Nov. 23, was largely interested in electric railways. The firm of which he was head manufactured electric railway cars, and was the first in England to manufacture aeroplanes.

A memorial tablet to the late Major N. C. Pilcher, General Manager of the Sherbrooke Ry & Power Co., and formerly Manager of the Port Arthur & Fort William, Ont., electric railway, who was killed on active service, was unveiled in St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke, Que., recently.

C. B. Hare, police magistrate for Grantham, Port Dalhousie and Merriton, Ont., who died at St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 13, aged 63, was also the Dominion Power & Transmission Co.'s special agent in the St. Catharines district, his duties mainly consisting of the general supervision of the company's real estate there.

J. W. Sutherland, who died in Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 29, aged 64, was a director

of the Dominion Power and Transmission Co. He was one of the founders of the old company which developed power at Decew Falls, acting as Superintendent and Paymaster. Prior to taking an interest in electrical matters he was in the G.T.R. service at Midland and Niagara Falls.

Albert E. Pickering, who was appointed Manager, International Transit Co., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., recently, was born at Brampton, Ont., Feb. 16, 1883, and from 1904 to 1914 was successively operator and lineman, Assistant Engineer, Superintendent, and Manager, Tagona Water & Light Co., and Lake Superior Power Co., later, the Algoma Steel Corporation's water power department; and from 1914 to 1916, Manager, City Water & Light Department, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., formerly the Tagona Water & Light Co.

William George Murrin, who has been appointed Assistant General Manager, British Columbia Electric Ry., Vancouver, was born at Greenwich, Eng., Aug. 27, 1875, and prior to entering electric railway service in Jan., 1899, was, from 1891 to 1893, a student at the Finsbury Technical College, London, Eng., and from 1893, in the City of London Lighting Co.'s shops and stations. From Jan., 1899, to 1901, he was shift engineer, Middlesbrough & Stockton Tramway Co., Stockton, Eng.; 1901 to 1904, Superintendent of Power, London United Tramways Co., London, Eng.; 1904 to Mar., 1913, Works Manager and Electrical Engineer, same company; Mar., 1913, to Mar. 30, 1914, Mechanical Superintendent, British Columbia Electric Ry.; Mar. 30, 1914, to Nov. 30, 1916, General Superintendent, same company.

**Quebec and Saguenay Ry.**—Under the terms of the Dominion Act of Parliament providing for the purchase of the Quebec and Saguenay Ry., from the Quebec Ry., Light and Power Co., the price to be paid is to be fixed by the Exchequer Court. The matter came before the court recently, when, after statements had been made, Judge Cassels gave his decision on certain points. Counsel for the railway and the Government were asked to get together and agree upon as many points to be decided as possible.

**Wood Block Paving.**—The Moose Jaw, Sask., City Commissioners, in their report for the 10 months to Oct. 31, say that the use of wood block paving on the streets is not as satisfactory as in eastern cities, and "this is especially the case where attempts have been made to use wood blocks between street car tracks." The question of what type of street paving is to be adopted to overcome the admitted defects of wood block paving is being considered by the City Engineer.

W. P. Cook, Chairman, Public Utility Commission, Port Arthur, Ont., and M. M. Inglis, Manager, Port Arthur Civic Ry., who attended the American Electric Railway Association's annual convention at Atlantic City recently, presented a report upon improvements in machinery, etc., in connection with the operation of street railways and their adaptability to Port Arthur's needs, at a meeting of the Port Arthur Public Utilities Commission recently.

**Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario.**—In connection with the acquiring of lands in the Niagara peninsula for the new power development, it is reported that a railway line will be built for construction purposes along the route of the proposed canal.