

way under provincial jurisdiction which was leased or operated by another road wholly or partly within the legislative authority of the Dominion Parliament should be regarded as a work for the general advantage of Canada and therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Railway Commissioners. This clause was inserted to cover the case of the Quebec Central Ry., which, being part of the C.P.R. system, was under provincial as well as Dominion jurisdiction. We found afterwards that the clause had been so worded as to have the effect of taking in street railway lines, electric suburban railways and tramways built under the authority of a provincial legislature. This bill proposes to place these electric lines again under the jurisdiction of the provincial government. If I read the main clause of the bill its purpose will be explained."

The effect which this bill will have apparently is that rates fixed by the Board of Railway Commissioners for B.C.E. Ry. lines, which are not definitely under its jurisdiction, through being operated under Dominion charters and declared to be works for the general advantage of Canada, will cease to be operative, and the fares fixed in the municipal charters under which the lines were built will again come into effect.

### Electric Railway Notes.

The Brantford, Ont., Railway Commission is reported to be considering the desirability of operating one-man cars on the municipal railway.

The Regina, Sask., City Council put a bylaw for the operation of one-man cars on the Regina Municipal Ry. through its initial stages, May 4. It will be voted on by the ratepayers at an early date.

The Brantford, Ont., Municipal Ry. Commission is, we are officially advised, considering one-man car operation, with the idea in view that in case any additional cars may be ordered this year, that type may answer the city's requirements.

A deputation representing the Toronto against the proposed purchase of one-street railway men's union waited on the board of control recently to protest man cars for Toronto Civic Ry. on the hackneyed ground that their use would slow up traffic and endanger the lives of passengers and pedestrians.

The Cape Breton Electric Co. expects to be in the market shortly for two or more passenger cars to replace those destroyed by fire at Glace Bay, N.S., in March. It is possible that some of the company's large steel cars may be diverted from city to suburban use, and safety cars bought for city service. The purchase of a new, or second hand, combination express car, line car and sweeper, is under consideration.

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board advised the St. Thomas, Ont., city council recently that it was prepared to approve of the operation of one-man cars on the municipal railway there as soon as it was advised of the routes upon which they would be operated. A press report says the Board of Railway Commissioners has given the city authority to operate one-man cars on its line over certain crossings of steam railways in the city, upon the installation of semaphores and provision for the maintenance of watchmen. Another report states that seven of the city's cars have been converted for one man operation.

### Mainly About Electric Railway People.

J. M. Ahearn, heretofore Assistant Superintendent and Purchasing Agent, Ottawa Electric Ry., has been appointed Assistant Manager and Purchasing Agent.

F. D. Burpee, heretofore Superintendent, has been appointed Manager, Ottawa Electric Ry., Ottawa, Ont. He was born at Ottawa, Ont., Apr. 25, 1876, and commenced railway work in 1891 on District 4, Eastern Division, C.P.R., Ottawa, and transferred to Ottawa Electric Ry. service in 1893, since when he has been, to 1896, stenographer, 1896 to 1898, cashier and paymaster, 1898 to Aug., 1912, accountant, during which time he also acted as assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer, and to the Superintendent. In Aug., 1912, on the resignation of J. E. Hutcheson, to become General Manager Montreal Tramways Co.'s service, he was appointed Superintendent. He enlisted in the 207th Battalion, C.E.F., in Feb. 1916,



Captain F. D. Burpee,  
Manager, Ottawa Electric Railway.

and assisted in recruiting the battalion, and sailed for England as second in command in May, 1917, with the rank of Captain, where his battalion was eventually broken up. He then transferred to the Canadian Railway Troops, reverted to the rank of lieutenant and went to France July 7, 1917, and was engaged at points all over the British front. He returned to Canada early in 1919, and resumed his duties as Superintendent, Ottawa Electric Ry., in March of that year.

J. P. Daugherty, Manager, St. Thomas, Ont., Municipal Ry. for seven years, has resigned.

Capt. F. R. Glover, General Executive Assistant, British Columbia Electric Ry., is recovering from a broken knee cap.

John Patterson.—A life size picture of the late John Patterson was unveiled at the Dominion Power & Transmission Co.'s station in Hamilton, Ont., recently, by the company's President. Mr. Patterson was the principal promotor of the

electric power development and electric railway lines in Hamilton and vicinity, now owned by the company.

A. J. Tobin, heretofore Chief Inspector, Car Service Department, Ottawa Electric Ry., has been appointed Superintendent. He has been in the company's service for over 25 years, originally as a conductor.

W. N. Warburton, Manager, London & Lake Erie Transportation Co., now in liquidation, the line having been dismantled, died at London, Ont., May 27, aged 65, after a long illness.

### Electric Railway Finance, Meetings, Etc.

British Columbia Electric Ry. and allied companies:—

	Mar. 1920	Mar. 1919	9 mos. to Mar. 31, 1920	9 mos. to Mar. 31, 1919
Gross	\$761,182	\$649,120	\$6,557,837	\$5,390,119
Expenses	519,487	457,600	4,602,143	3,990,329
Net	241,695	191,520	1,955,694	1,399,790

Cape Breton Electric Co.:—

	Mar. 1920	Mar. 1919	3 mos. to Mar. 31, 1920	3 mos. to Mar. 31, 1919
Gross	\$44,751	42,924	\$138,947	\$138,078
Expenses	44,141	32,559	127,700	103,415
Net	610	10,365	11,247	34,663

Niagara Falls, Wesley Park & Clifton Tramway Co.—We are officially advised that the City of Niagara Falls, Ont., has not taken any further action in the direction of taking over the line in the city, and nothing has been done, so far as the company is aware, by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, in arranging for an arbitration as to the price to be paid for the property. The line is still being operated by the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Ry., which owns it.

Ottawa Electric Ry.—Under the provisions of a mortgage trust dated June 29, 1897, 15 debentures, of \$1,000 each, have been drawn for redemption, and will be paid with current coupons for interest thereon, July 5, at Ottawa, after which date interest on the debentures ceases.

St. Thomas Municipal Ry.—A press report states that the deficit on operation for April was \$588.60, the smallest for some years. The number of passengers carried was 45,442, against 39,636 for April, 1919.

Toronto Ry., Toronto & York Radial Ry. and allied companies:—

	Mar. 1920	Mar. 1919	3 mos. to Mar. 31, 1920	3 mos. to Mar. 31, 1919
Gross	\$1,255,668	\$1,083,285	\$3,499,871	\$3,205,922
Expenses	794,212	647,053	2,299,684	1,902,546
Net	461,456	436,232	1,200,187	1,303,376

Winnipeg Electric Ry. and allied companies:—

	Mar. 1920	Mar. 1919	3 mos. to Mar. 31, 1920	3 mos. to Mar. 31, 1919
Gross	\$456,915	\$384,937	\$1,400,625	\$1,146,638
Expenses	353,234	285,040	1,046,470	833,964
Net	103,681	99,897	354,155	306,674

Surplus, after allowing for fixed charges, for March, \$37,727.

Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.—At a meeting of shareholders in Winnipeg, May 3, a resolution was passed authorizing the issue of \$3,000,000 of new preferred stock to the funded floating debt. Subscribers will be given one share of common stock as a bonus, with every five shares of preferred stock allotted.

New Brunswick Electric Railway Taxation.—The New Brunswick Legislature has passed an act imposing taxes on certain incorporated companies and associations, as follows:—"Upon all street railway companies operating their lines within the province, not less than \$50, nor more than \$100 for each mile operated by any such company, in the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor in council."