

as against the individual small sums invested by owners of jitneys. The money is invested and that cannot be got out again in any other way except by carrying passengers. The people who have their money in jitneys can get it out in other ways. We are here; we have got to run our cars in fine weather and in bad weather. The jitney service is different. The jitney operates at his own sweet will. If he wants to operate today he may; if he wants to quit tomorrow he may; if he wants to carry you half way home he may, and he can leave you half-way and not go any further. It is not so with the Street Railway Company, they have certain obligations, and they have got to keep them. They have a certain timetable to make, and they have got to make it or suffer the penalty. I might elaborate more upon that point, but I don't think it is necessary. It is only necessary to state the facts to see how unfair the competition is.

Just permit me to draw your attention to what the business operations of the company means to the city of Winnipeg. In the first place, look at the magnificent office building that was erected by them. Do any of you think that if the jitneys had been here a building such as that would have been erected? There would have been no chance of it. That is just to illustrate that as long as the jitneys remain you cannot and must not expect any further extension, or expenditure of capital by the Street Railway Company. Just for a moment let me point out to you what it means in money circulation in the city of Winnipeg. Last year the pay-roll of the employees of this company represented the expenditure of approximately a million and a half dollars. That is a large sum of money to be put in circulation by one institution. The operating expense of that road amounted to over two and a half million dollars. A large part of that was spent in the city of Winnipeg. The manager of the company estimates that in the year of 1914 there was spent and distributed in the city of Winnipeg by the Winnipeg Electric Railway the sum of approximately three million dollars. There won't be any such sum as that spent in 1915, because the earnings are being decreased very rapidly, not entirely on account of the competition afforded by the jitneys,