

electrical cars start upon their initial trip. The start was to be made from the corner of Smith avenue and Forbes street at 11 o'clock and long before that hour hundreds of citizens had gathered in that vicinity to witness an event which would significantly mark the progress of a great city. Six trains each consisting of a motor and a trail car, were standing on the tracks near the Ramsay street barns, ready to receive the invited guests of the street railroad company. Only those holding invitations were allowed to board these six trains, but they were nevertheless, very much crowded. Over a hundred people crowded upon the first train and fully as many as seventy-five boarded each of the following five trains. Prominent among the citizens on the first train were Archbishop Ireland, Governor Merriam, Aldermen Sanborn and Sullivan, Mayor Smith, Judge Kelly, John W. Roche, S. S. Eaton, City Engineer Rundlett, William M. Bushnell, Edward J. Hodgson and William Pitt Murray. The first train started shortly after eleven o'clock, followed closely by the others. The six trains sped westward to the terminus of the line without the slightest mishap, at some points attaining a speed of at least 15 miles an hour. At Macalester Park a large number of the students of Macalester College were in line alongside the track and heartily cheered the electrical trains as they went by. At Groveland Park, the western terminus of the line, a large platform had been erected and, soon after the arrival of the trains, it was surrounded by hundreds of enthusiastic citizens. Thomas Cochran soon made his appearance upon the platform, followed by Archbishop Ireland, Gov. Merriam, Mayor Smith and a score of other prominent citizens, Mr. Cochran, who acted as chairman, introduced Archbishop Ireland, who made an eloquent address appropriate to the opening of the first electric street railroad in St. Paul. He said:

'It is well to celebrate on similar dates auspicious events. The memory of one lends strength and inspiration to the other, and the enthusiasm of the day is warmer. We honor this morning, the birthday of George Washington. How much we owe to the 22nd

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