The journey in and out of town would be made by the Governor usually by carriage or in winter by sleigh, escorted by aides-de-camp, along the Lady Grey Drive and Sussex Street. When he did not come into town, his orderlies or messengers would commute, bearing despatches, probably by similar means, or by cab. Automobiles were not in general use prior to 1914, and the use of the word "taxi" for messengers' or secretaries' transportation first appears in the Auditor-General's reports in 1916-17. There was also a street-car service along the Sussex Street nearly to Rideau Hall, which apparently was also frequently used by the local messengers and couriers.