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Total Benefits Paid..Jan. 1st, 1913..\$38,177,063.40

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ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CORPORATION

An interesting table has just been compiled showing the assessment of the public utility and railway corporations in the cities of Montreal and Toronto. Toronto possesses fifteen of these companies as compared with eleven in Montreal. In a measure the comparison is made difficult as the business tax is included in the Toronto assessments while in Montreal it is not shown in the following table. An interesting point brought out by the table shows that, while Montreal possesses fewer of these companies than Toronto, the assessment of most of them is higher than it is in Toronto.

Toronto Companies.

The following table shows just what companies were taxed in Toronto last year and the total amount of assessed values in each case:—

Name of Company.	Total Assessment.
Street Railway Company.....	\$2,886,665
Consumers' Gas Company.....	4,109,690
Toronto Electric Light Company.....	1,947,918
Bell Telephone Company.....	1,663,869
C. P. R. Telegraph Company.....	121,042
G. N. W. Telegraph Company.....	76,220
Grand Trunk Railway.....	5,000,283
Toronto & York Radial Company.....	90,632
Toronto & Suburban Company.....	31,400
Interurban Electric Company.....	13,746
Toronto & Western Railway Company.....	2,900
Erindale Power Company.....	505
Can. Northern & Ontario Railway.....	199,116
Can. Pac. & Ontario Railway.....	3,913,693
Toronto & Niagara Power Company.....	389,797

Companies in Montreal.

In Montreal the public companies and the assessed values are shown as follows:—

Name of Company.	Total Assessment.
Montreal Tramways Company.....	\$ 4,301,155
Grand Trunk Railway.....	6,994,100
C. P. R. and Ontario and Quebec Railways.....	12,388,855
Canadian Northern.....	522,400
Lachine, Jacques Cartier and Maisonneuve Railway.....	103,900
Light, Heat and Power Company.....	3,757,750
Canadian Light and Power Company.....	172,400
Saraguay Electric Company.....	107,300
Shawinigan Water and Power Company.....	42,500
Montreal Water and Power Company.....	1,689,800
Bell Telephone Company.....	2,256,650

PUBLICITY AND BUSINESS.

(Manitoba Free Press.)

A saying of Charles S. Mellen, who is no longer President of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railway system, that "publicity is all right, but practically it works havoc with business." is interesting as a disclosure of a point of view which confuses business with certain ways and methods of Big Business and High Finance. These ways and methods, in order to be operated with entire success, require to be kept from public knowledge. The value of the searchlight of publicity in the interest of the general public is being strikingly demonstrated in this country since the beginning of the Western railway rates investigation.

O. St. L. Davies, English textile authority, says Manchester cotton mills are booked ahead for at least six months. Modified reduction of American tariff on woollens, he believes, would help British dress goods manufacturers at Bradford.