

MUNICIPAL FORESTS

A rather unusual form of municipal ownership is that of municipal forests. Over 200 cities in the United States own and operate—if it can be called operating—municipal forests.

Chicago owns a forest of 18,000 acres.

Colorado Springs owns a forest of 17,000 acres; Denver, 7,000 acres; Fall River, Mass., 3,000; Holyoke, 2,000; St. Paul, 1,400; Newark, N.J., a watershed forest of 20,480 acres; Salt Lake City, a 25,000-acre forest, and many other cities smaller tracts.

DETROIT MAKES RECORD WITH MUNICIPAL STREET CAR LINES

Detroit is making quite a remarkable record in the construction of its municipal street car lines.

Work commenced April 6, 1921.

Cars commenced operating over the first unit on February first.

At the rate of construction reached when winter set in, it was proven conclusively that progress can be made this spring and summer at the rate of one mile of completed track per day.

Starting on April 6, 1920, with no street railway organization at all, the Board of Street Railway Commissioners has in less than one year accomplished the following stupendous tasks:

Built up a complete street railway organization in 10 months.

Secured rails, wire, ties and all necessary materials which the Detroit United Railways (the private company) said could not be obtained.

Built 18½ miles of track—a record that was surpassed by the D. U. R. only once in the past ten years—in 1916 when they built 23½ miles. Their average per year for 10 years has been only 8.8 miles.

Put into operation 13 miles of track; now carrying passengers at the rate of 2,000,000 per year.

Proved that a five-cent fare is sufficient.

Developed new type of track construction, reducing cost from \$97,000 per mile to \$62,000 per mile.

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