

is obvious, though this right evidently is not fully recognized by the American authorities, or they would give absolute protection to miners desirous of working, and to the property of mine owners.

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We deeply regret to hear of president Roosevelt's sickness caused by the recent accident to his carriage. The shock was worse than reported. With characteristic bravery he would not admit having been hurt by a street-car dashing into his carriage. That the president was hurt is most unfortunately only too true, for the accident has necessitated his undergoing an operation.

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The Boer Generals have issued an appeal for help in re-building and re furnishing farm houses destroyed during the war. They declare that 30,000 were destroyed by the British. If this were so, they have no claim for sympathy from the British people, as all that Great Britain did by the war was to resist an attack wantonly made by the Boers on a British colony. When a burglar is shot while engaged in robbing a house, it is not usual for his bereaved family to appeal for assistance to the householder who killed the marauder in defence of his home. Had the Boers kept in their own land, not a shot would have been fired, but, when they invaded Natal and Cape Colony, with the nefarious intention of wresting them from Great Britain, they became responsible for all the consequences that arose from those colonies being defended from seizure. Great Britain, with unparalleled magnanimity, has agreed to pay \$15,000,000 towards re-habilitating the Boers. Their appeal is couched in terms so offensive to the British people, and contains such malicious falsehoods, that it would be a just punishment were this grant withdrawn. The Boers forget that there are desolate homes in Great Britain, in Canada, in Australia and New Zealand which have been blighted by their mad ambition to possess all South Africa.

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The monthly statement of the Montreal Street Railway Company for August shows the passenger earnings for last month to have been \$195,610 against \$179,586 in August last year. The miscellaneous earnings were \$1,520 over 1901, the total earnings being \$17,544 in excess of last year. On the other hand the operating expenses were heavier by \$7,575 and the fixed charges by \$1,740, which increase of costs brought down the surplus to \$8,228 for August. As compared with the 11 months, October 1 to August 31, 1901, the same term just ended shows a surplus of \$615,116, which is \$50,113 in excess of previous term. The passenger receipts increased 6.31 per cent. and the

operating expenses 1.61 per cent., which shows economical management. The gain, however, from this source, was offset by an increase in fixed charges of 49 per cent. Even with this the surplus in last 11 months was 8.87 per cent. greater than in same term 1890-91. "Much will have more," says an old proverb, and the master of sentences says, "the appetite grows with what it feeds upon," so the Street Railway Company need not be surprised at the excellent accommodation they have provided creating a desire for further conveniences. The system of signalling for cars to stop is open to improvement, and a number of the cars have earned a rest by long service. There is far more "bunching" of cars than is pleasant on certain routes, notably the Amherst line and St. Lawrence on which long waits and then several cars together are much too frequent. The history of the street car service in this city as in others shows that street car riders are willing to pay well for increased facilities and comforts; it is, therefore, good business to meet their wishes.

FIRE AT BRANTFORD, ONT.

By the fire, which occurred on the 18th inst., the following companies are interested:

SNOWDRIFT BAKING POWDER CO.

Stock.

Liverpool & London & Globe...	\$ 2,000
Aetna...	1,500
Norwich Union...	3,000
Anglo-American...	2,500
Ottawa...	2,500
Traders...	1,500
Wellington Mutual...	2,000
York Co. Mutual...	2,000
Equity...	1,000
Merchants...	2,000
Berlin Mutual...	2,000

Total loss... \$22,000

Building.

Queens City...	\$2,500
Economical...	2,500

Total loss... \$5,000

WATT & SOSS.

Stock.

North British & Mercantile...	\$12,500
Norwich Union...	10,000
Aetna...	7,500

Loss, 70 per cent... \$30,000

Building.

North British & Mercantile...	\$6,850
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ELECTROLYSIS, as a destroyer of gas and water pipes, consequently a danger from a fire insurance standpoint, is pointed out by an expert in Insurance Engineering. The danger is known, what underwriters and property owners wish to know is, how this danger can be averted? It is very unsatisfactory to be told of a danger without some information being given as to protection against it.