

The Winnipeg Electric Street Ry. has ordered three large forged steel patent water tube boilers, aggregating 2,000 h.p., from Babcock & Wilcox, Ltd., Montreal. The company installed two boilers of the same type about two years ago.

The Southwestern Traction Co. will be in the market shortly for 60 lb. steel rails, and angle plates for same; copper wire; standard ties; 30 ft. poles, six inch and eight inch tops; spikes, bolts, etc., for 15 miles of track. Material for two or three bridges will also be required, and the company is also looking for a heavier locomotive in exchange for the 10 ton one now in work upon construction work.

In the case against the Grand Valley Ry., for operating its cars on Sundays, the question will be raised whether the Dominion Parliament had power to enact Sec. 2, Chap. 32, 1904, which provides that all railways, whether steam or electric, situated entirely

within one province, but, either entirely or in part declared to be for the general advantage of Canada, shall be under the jurisdiction of the provincial acts relative to Sunday labor.

Electric Ry. Finance, Meetings, Etc.

British Columbia Electric Ry.—Railway earnings for Jan.:—Vancouver, \$18,507; Victoria, \$10,449; Westminster, \$9,657; total, \$38,613, against \$34,095 for Feb., 1904; total railway and lighting earnings \$80,028, against \$73,902. Working expenses, \$40,088; renewal funds, \$6,695; net income, \$33,245, against \$40,599 working expenses, \$5,988 renewal funds, and \$27,315 net income for Jan., 1904. Net earnings for seven months ended Jan. 31, \$205,667, against \$183,404.

The Cape Breton Electric Co. owns the electric lighting plant, ferry service and electric railway in Sydney, and the electric rail-

way connecting Sydney and North Sydney. It also owns one-half of the bonds and common stock of the Sydney and Glace Bay Ry. Gross earnings for year ended Dec. 31, 1904, \$202,018.84; operating expenses, \$155,668.38; net earnings, \$46,350.46; fixed charges, \$43,470.27; net profit, \$2,880.19.

Halifax Electric Tramway Co.—Railway earnings for Feb., \$7,188.71, against \$9,894.47 for Feb., 1904.

Hamilton Cataract, Power, Light and Traction Co.—The annual meeting held Mar. 9 was a formal one, the only business transacted being the presentation of the annual report and the election of directors. The officers and directors for the current year are: President, J. M. Gibson, K.C.; Vice-President, Jas. Dixon; Treasurer, J. R. Moodie; Secretary, W. C. Hawkins; other directors: Jno. Dickenson, J. A. Kammerer, J. W. Sutherland. The gross earnings of the traction department for 1904 were \$335,560.12.

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