

to grant permission to the company to remove its tracks from High St., and unless it is allowed to make the change in the tracks as proposed, the company will not make any extensions this year. The company's share of the paving work proposed to be done will be so heavy that it is not willing to pay for the paving and make any extensions in addition. (May, pg. 203.)

New Brunswick Power Co.—The St. John, N.B., city council, April 30, decided to inform the company that a reasonably permanent grade would be established on Union St., which it was proposed to pave, and that the city would fill in between the track sections above the railway foundations if the company would raise its tracks to conform to the new grade. (May, pg. 203.)

Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co.—A press report states that the company is making surveys for extensions of its lines, and that it is in the market for rails, ties, general construction material, and for additional rolling stock. (Dec., 1916, pg. 502.)

Port Arthur Civic Ry.—We are officially advised that the railway is placing a reinforced concrete liner adjacent to the rails on the track between Victoria and McVicar Sts. It is also contemplated to replace the present straight angle bars on rail joints with continuous joints and later on to place reinforced concrete liner adjacent to rails on the double track line on Main St., from Arthur St. to Bay St. An order has been given for 250 pairs of continuous rail joints for 80 lb. A.S.C.E. section. (May, pg. 203.)

Saskatoon Municipal Ry.—We are officially advised that owing to the present shortage of labor the proposed extension of track is being held over for the present. (May, pg. 203.)

Winnipeg Electric Ry.—In giving judgment on an application to order the company to build additional lines in the Morse district, Public Utilities Commissioner Macdonald stated, on May 4, that under existing financial conditions he could not issue such an order. (Oct., 1916, pg. 425.)

Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore Rapid Ry.—The Board of Railway Commissioners has reserved judgment on the application of the Town of Leamington, Ont., requiring the company to remove its tracks from North St. or as an alternative to cease obstructing the street. (Mar., pg. 113.)

Electric Railway Finance, Meetings, Etc.

British Columbia Electric Ry., and allied companies.—All payments as between the companies not affecting the net earnings, hitherto included, are now eliminated.

	July 1, '16	July 1, '15
	to Mar. 31, 1917	to Mar. 31, 1916
Gross . . .	\$456,626	\$446,401
Expenses . .	356,178	355,103
Net . . .	100,448	91,298

Cape Breton Electric Co.—

	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, '17	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, '16
Gross . . .	\$33,753.78	\$27,866.33
Exp's . . .	20,904.84	19,939.85
Net . . .	12,848.94	7,926.48

Calgary Municipal Ry.—The annual summary of the finances of the City of Calgary, Alta., for the year 1916, issued by the Comptroller, shows that of the public utilities owned the municipal railway showed a profit of \$28,722.09 and the

electric light and power plant a profit of \$15,254.42, while the waterworks and other utilities showed losses.

Edmonton Radial Ry.—The City Comptroller's report on the finances of Edmonton, Alta., for the year 1916, has the following reference to the E.R.R.: "The operation cost of the street railway has been reduced 27%, being \$446,897 in 1914, and \$339,208.50 in 1916. The result of the operations of this utility for the year is a loss of \$115,597.66, which is \$16,161.05 better than in 1915."

Lethbridge Municipal Ry.—From a report issued by the City Commissioner, it appears that for the four months ended April 30, the municipal railway made a profit over operating expenses of \$3,356, against a profit of \$3,462 for the same period of 1916.

London Street Ry.—

	Apr. '17	Apr. '16	Jan. 1 to Apr. 30, '17	Jan. 1 to Apr. 30, '16
Gross	\$31,019.50	\$34,013.43	\$132,681.33	\$133,442.14
Exp's	25,934.30	25,489.48	98,660.07	92,344.78
Net . . .	5,085.20	8,523.95	34,021.26	41,097.36

Toronto Ry., Toronto and York Radial Ry, and allied companies.—

	Mar. '17	Mar. '16	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, '17	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, '16
Gross	\$991,192	\$910,969	\$2,926,228	\$2,663,575
Exp's	515,586	477,031	1,538,605	1,408,863
Net	475,606	433,938	1,387,623	1,254,712

Toronto Civic Receipts.—Total receipts for April, \$21,791.45 against \$17,876.80 for Apr. 1916. The total passengers carried during April was 1,284,195 compared with 1,065,508 during Apr. 1916.

Toronto Railway.—

	1917	City percentage	1916	City percentage
Jan. . . .	\$510,053	\$ 76,508	\$473,784	\$68,847
Feb. . . .	473,184	70,976	470,704	70,614
Mar. . . .	531,080	105,857	518,555	97,237
Apr. . . .	510,334	102,066	496,172	99,234
	\$2,024,651	\$355,425	\$1,959,215	\$355,932

Winnipeg Electric Ry.—The net earnings for March, after allowing for fixed charges, were \$21,442.

	Mar. '17	Mar. '16	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, '17	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, '16
Gross . . .	\$293,094	\$296,500	\$893,756	\$887,310
Expenses . .	209,453	184,600	643,083	558,685
Net . . .	83,641	111,900	250,673	328,625

Among the Express Companies.

The Canadian Ex. Co. has reopened its offices at Ruthilda, Sask., and Delburne, Alta.

J. N. Johnston has been appointed claim agent, Eastern Division, Dominion Ex. Co., Toronto.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened offices at Musquodoboit, N.S.; River Henry, Que., and DeWinton, Alta.

W. A. McDonald has been appointed acting route agent, Western Division, Dominion Ex. Co., Winnipeg.

The Canadian Ex. Co. has reopened its office at Camp Borden, Ont., and has appointed H. H. Cheeseman as agent there.

Wells, Fargo & Co. have placed their express service in effect over the London & Port Stanley Ry., and have appointed E. G. Crook agent at London, and W. H. McPherson agent at Port Stanley.

The Board of Railway Commissioners issued order 26090, May 8, ordering that order 25975, Mar. 29, which prescribed the boundaries within which tolls of express companies shall include collection and delivery in Toronto, published in our last issue, be amended by striking out the words, "thence following the present eastern city boundary," in the third and fourth lines of clause 1, par. 2, and substituting therefor the words, "Summerhill Park Ravine," and by striking out the words, "except southerly," in the sixth line.

Telegraph, Telephone and Cable Matters.

W. T. Leslie, heretofore chief operator, Great North Western Telegraph Co., Quebec, Que., has been appointed local manager there, vice R. V. Aubin, deceased.

C. L. Leighty has been appointed Superintendent, Ontario District, C.P.R. Telegraphs, Toronto, vice H. J. Lillie, who has been appointed chief operator there.

C. E. Lillie, heretofore Office Manager, Great North Western Telegraph Co., Toronto, has been appointed Manager there, in charge of inside business.

G. Hogarth, heretofore Toronto Manager, Great North Western Telegraph Co., has been appointed Commercial Manager there, in charge of the company's outside business in the city.

A standing committee of the House of Commons reported to the House, May 15, that it had had under consideration a bill to incorporate the British America Telephone & Telegraph Co., and had agreed to report same with amendments, and with a recommendation that the name be changed to the Eastern Telephone & Telegraph Co.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. is enlarging its office accommodation at St. John, N.B., by taking over for its own use the whole of the building at the corner of King and Prince William Sts., of which it had occupied a portion. In the operating room on the top floor, five sets of high speed automatic multiplex repeaters are being installed for traffic between St. John, New York, North Sydney and Montreal. The basement is being equipped with shower baths, dressing rooms, etc., for employees.

The New Brunswick Telephone Co.'s annual meeting was held at Fredericton, May 18, when the report for 1916 showed assets of \$2,170,019.05, and liabilities of \$2,145,130. The net revenue for the year was \$109,324.84. The officers and directors for the current year are: S. H. White, President; Hon. F. P. Thompson and F. B. Black, Vice Presidents; A. W. Bennett, R. O'Leary, L. B. McFarlane, A. R. Slipp, W. B. Snowball, R. B. Emerson, F. B. Carvell, J. M. Robinson, F. W. Sumner, G. W. Ganong, J. L. McAvity and H. P. Robinson.

United States Shipping Committee.—The Council of National Defence at Washington has created a committee on shipping, consisting of Chairman Denman of the Federal Shipping Board; P. A. S. Franklin, President, International Mercantile Marine; H. H. Raymond, President, Coastwise Shipping Association; E. T. Chamberlain, Commissioner, Bureau of Navigation, Department of Commerce; D. T. Warden, Manager, foreign shipping department, Standard Oil Co.; L. H. Sherman, Vice President, W. R. Grace & Co.; E. M. Bull, Vice President, E. M. Bull & Co.; and F. C. Munson, President, Munson Steamship Line. The function of the committee is to advise with the U. S. Shipping Board and to report, through Mr. Denman, to the council as to the best methods of increasing tonnage available for shipment to the allies.

Calvin Austin has been elected President, Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc., recently reorganized, and G. W. Sterling has been appointed General Traffic Manager at New York. The company operates a line between St. John, N.B., and Boston, Mass.