

## Electric Railway Finance, Meetings, Etc.

**British Columbia Electric Ry., and allied companies.**

	Nov. 1915	Nov. 1914	July 1 to Nov. 30, 1915	July 1 to Nov. 30, 1914
Gross earnings.	\$562,782	\$648,485	\$2,636,479	\$3,324,836
Expenses.	478,643	501,224	2,407,173	2,561,905
Net earnings	84,139	147,261	229,306	762,931

### Cape Breton Electric Co.—

	Nov. 1915	Nov. 1914	July 1 to Nov. 30, 1915	July 1 to Nov. 30, 1914
Gross earnings	\$33,011.80	\$30,044.59	\$165,348.68	\$152,777.74
Expenses	17,789.98	17,847.12	88,690.77	91,338.18
Net earnings	15,221.82	12,197.47	76,657.91	61,439.56

### London St. Ry.—

	1915	1914	Increase
Gross earnings	\$398,858.00	\$375,895.28	\$22,962.72
Expenses	275,212.04	267,900.83	7,311.21
Net earnings	123,645.96	107,994.45	15,651.51

### Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Co.—

The Nova Scotia Public Utilities Board has refused the company's application for permission to increase its capital stock from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000, as no organization has been effected and therefore no vote of the shareholders authorizing an increase, as required by the charter, can be taken. The increase was desired for the absorption of the Halifax Electric Tramway Co.

**Toronto Ry., Toronto and York Radial Ry., and allied companies:**

	Nov. 1915	Nov. 1914	Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 1915	Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 1914
Gross earnings.	\$851,113	\$824,634	\$8,793,719	\$9,296,377
Expenses.	397,383	431,109	4,391,382	4,765,099
Net earnings	453,730	393,525	4,402,337	4,531,278

**Toronto Ry.**—The receipts and the percentages paid to the city, for 1915, compared with those for 1914, were as follows.

	1915	City per-	1914	City per-
Receipts		centage	Receipts	centage
January	\$471,226	\$70,486	\$501,844	\$75,257
February	440,314	66,047	461,274	72,058
March	488,468	93,141	510,751	102,150
April	467,702	93,540	501,435	100,287
May	468,954	93,791	534,466	106,893
June	450,582	90,116	525,534	105,107
July	449,108	89,822	515,883	103,177
August	447,969	89,594	507,912	101,582
September	489,573	39,166	525,265	42,021
October	461,683	36,935	487,689	39,274
November	472,759	46,301	465,035	46,503
December	501,958	58,715	437,424	59,610
	\$5,610,296	\$867,654	6,034,512	\$954,000

### Winnipeg Electric Ry.:

	Nov. 1915	Nov. 1914	Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 1915	Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 1914
Gross earnings.	\$323,025	\$330,398	\$3,122,620	\$3,732,901
Expenses.	188,067	206,394	2,036,092	2,185,489
Net earnings	134,958	124,004	1,086,528	1,547,412

During January, \$750,000 of two year 6% gold notes, dated Jan. 15, and due Jan. 15, 1918, were offered for sale in New York at 100 and interest. These are a direct obligation of the company, specifically secured by deposit with the Central Trust Co., New York as trustee, \$970,000 of 4½% perpetual consolidated debenture stock secured by a mortgage on all the company's property, subject to \$5,000,000 of underlying bonds.

Winnipeg press dispatch, Jan. 19:—The Winnipeg Electric Ry. has notified the City Treasurer that its gross earnings for 1915 were \$1,856,867.70, on which 5% or \$92,843.88 will be paid the city.

The company has declared a dividend of 2% for the last quarter of 1915, making a total of 9½% for the year, against a total of 12% in 1914, 1913 and 1912. The dividends in 1911 totalled 11½%, 10% in each of several previous years.

**Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore Rapid Ry.**—Reference has been made from time to time to the Dominion Traction & Lighting Co. It was incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act in Jan. 1913, with head office at Toronto, which appears to have been moved to Windsor, Ont., where W. C. Ken-

nedy is President. The company is a holding one and among other securities has \$750,000 first mortgage bonds, W.E. & L.S.

R.R. and also the Windsor Gas Co.'s stock and bonds. The D.T. & L. Co. has issued \$1,825,000 first mortgage 5% bonds.

## Mainly About Electric Railway People.

**P. Pocock** was re-elected Chairman of the London, Ont., City Council's Public Utilities Committee, Jan. 12.

**W. B. Baptiste** has been appointed Manager, Three Rivers Traction Co., Three Rivers, Que. **J. H. McNeil** is Superintendent.

**Geo. Rapsey** and **A. E. Wideman** were re-elected Utilities Commissioners by Port Arthur, Ont., ratepayers, Jan. 3.

**B. I. Dasent** has been appointed Publicity Agent, British Columbia Electric Ry., Vancouver, vice F. Harris, resigned.

**Edmund E. Walker** has been appointed Sales Manager, Light & Power Department, British Columbia Electric Ry., Vancouver.

**A. G. Workman** has been appointed Chief Dispatcher, British Columbia Electric Ry., New Westminster, succeeding T. G. Connon.

**C. Rummel**, heretofore Manager, Light & Power Department, British Columbia Electric Ry., Vancouver, has been transferred to the same position at New Westminster.

**Aldermen Picard, Bush and Wilson** were appointed as a committee on public utilities by Edmonton, Alta., City Council, Jan. 4, Alderman Picard being chairman.

**A. C. Eddy** has been appointed Engineer, Maintenance of Way, British Columbia Electric Ry., Vancouver, succeeding H. J. Tippet.

**Geoffrey Porter**, heretofore Assistant Chief Engineer, British Columbia Electric Ry., Vancouver, has been appointed Chief Electrical Engineer.

**J. E. Richards**, formerly General Freight & Passenger Agent, Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie Ry., Chatham, Ont., has been appointed Auditor and Treasurer, London & Port Stanley Ry., London, Ont.

**H. A. Robson, K.C.**, ex-Public Utilities Commissioner for Manitoba, gave an address to the Alberta Law Society, at Calgary, Alta., recently on the work of a public utilities commission.

**W. D. McGregor**, heretofore in the London & Lake Erie Ry. & Transportation Co.'s service, London, Ont., has been appointed Freight and Passenger Agent, London and Port Stanley Ry., St. Thomas, Ont.

**G. Gordon Gale**, General Manager, Hull Electric Co., Hull, Que., has been elected a member of the managing committee of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers' Ottawa Branch.

**Lieutenant Gordon Duke**, attached to the Royal Navy Aviation Corps, who was killed in an aviation accident at Eastbourne, England, Jan. 10, was formerly employed on Toronto Civic Ry.'s staff.

**Arthur Reid**, who was Commissioner of Public Utilities for Lethbridge, Alta., during 1914, handed over the office to his successor, M. Freeman, Jan. 1. It is said that Mr. Reid will remove from Lethbridge, where he has resided since 1905.

**Geo. W. Caye**, heretofore Assistant to Vice President and General Manager, and Purchasing Agent, Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., has been appointed Purchasing Agent, Montreal and Southern Counties Ry., as well as of the Grand Trunk Ry. vice J. H. Guess, resigned.

**Lieut. Lorenzo Evans**, who was reported recently as having been seriously wounded in Flanders, is not a son of E. A. Evans, M.CanSoc.C.E., ex-General Manager, Quebec Railway, Light & Power Co., as stated

in a number of daily papers, his father being Lorenzo Evans, of Dobell, Beckett & Co., Quebec.

**T. F. Ahearn**, only son of Thos. Ahearn, President, Ottawa Electric Ry., and who is himself a director of that company and of the Ottawa Car Manufacturing Co., entered the Army Service Corps in Oct., 1914, as a lieutenant, went to England in March, 1915, and went on to France in Sept., 1915. He has been promoted to a captaincy, and has been recalled to militia headquarters, Ottawa, to assist in munitions work.

**P. A. Macdonald**, barrister-at-law, Winnipeg, has been appointed Public Utilities Commissioner for Manitoba, in succession to H. A. Robson, who resigned recently to become Chief Counsel for the Union Bank. Mr. Macdonald was born at Gananoque, Ont., Jan. 6, 1857, educated at Kingston Grammar School and Queen's University, from which he graduated 1876, and proceeded to the study of law at Toronto, being called to the bar at Osgoode Hall, Jan., 1880. He entered into practice at Winnipeg in partnership with the late J. M. Macdonell in 1882, as Macdonell and Macdonald; subsequently practising in the firm of Macdonald and Brophy, and later as Macdonald and Cameron. In 1888 he was appointed Master in Chancery, referee and accountant, and he has had considerable experience in local arbitrations, among the matters in which he acted being one in connection with the threatened strike of C.P.R. employees in 1910, when he was chairman of the conciliation board. He resigned his public position in 1911, and returned to private practice. In Sept., 1915, he was appointed police magistrate to hear the charges against Sir Rodmond Roblin and other ex-members of the Manitoba Government.

## Attempt to Secure Free Transportation of Soldiers on Toronto Railway.

The Toronto Board of Control, at a meeting, Jan. 21, decided, on the Mayor's motion, to apply to the Legislature for legislation providing that in cities having a population of 200,000 or more, electric railway companies shall carry soldiers and nurses, including soldiers in training, free of charge, notwithstanding any law, statute, custom or usage to the contrary, and providing a penalty of \$100 for failure to give a service and for each breach of the Act. The Mayor stated that soldiers are carried free on the cars operated by the municipality, and are carried free in Great Britain, Australia, and other countries.

Toronto is the only city in Ontario which would come under this proposal, and in newspaper interviews, R. J. Fleming, General Manager, Toronto Ry., is reported to have characterized the suggestion as a gross impertinence, and added that the company had done much for the soldiers, a good deal of which was not made public. The company had supplied free cars on several occasions. He continued that until the city saw fit to provide the soldiers with almost everything they needed free of cost, the company should not be asked to provide free transportation, and the proposed legislation to force the company to give free transportation to soldiers will be fought strenuously.