SPECIAL COMMITTEE SAYS STREET RY. COMPANY HAD $44,498 PROFIT LAST YEAR

Makes Public Statement, Telling Why It Opposed Increased Fares—Thinks Company Could Pay the Wage Increase Easily.

Ald. L. S. Holmes, chairman of the special railway committee of the city council, to which was delegated the duty of conferring with the street railway company with a view to arranging terms for incorporation in an agreement which would be satisfactory both to the city and the company, and whose report, recommending that the question of increased fares be submitted to the electors as early as possible, was adopted by the city council at its special meeting last Friday evening, gave out today the following statement, which he said had been prepared after consultation with his colleagues of the special committee:

"The special railway committee of the city council thinks that the public should be made acquainted with all the proceedings of the special committee, and of the outcome of its work. In the first place, No. 1 committee referred to the special committee, consisting of Ald. L. S. Holmes, F. R. Watkinson, O. I. Cunningham, C. G. Moorhead and the mayor ex-officio, all matters relating to the street railway company.

"This committee met several times and went thoroughly and carefully into all the differences existing between the city and the company. It discussed the situation from every angle, and even went so far as to discuss provisional measures to provide for eventualities which might arise. Because its investigations involved careful consideration of all the provisions of bylaw 916, under which the street railway company operates, the special committee probably obtained a better knowledge of just what that measure provides than the other members of the council.

Views Coincided.

"We had two or three meetings with the city solicitor, and discussed with him the legal points involved. We secured from him advice, which in every instance was in accord with the provisions of bylaw 916, on which any judge would base his decision in the event of any lawsuit which might be brought against the city council or the company. His views were impartial and entirely legal.

"We also went into the financial condition of the company, and scrutinized carefully their own financial statements, prepared for their shareholders. We found that the statement for year showed that the company made $44,498 clear profit after paying all legitimate expenses, and this would have been sufficient to pay the usual 6 per cent dividend on the stock and still have a cash surplus. This being the case, the company was in a financial condition such that it could pay a substantial increase to its men, and still not register a loss at the end of the year. Summed up, the situation was such that the company was in a position to increase the wages of the men, and yet for some reason or other it has refused their demands, saying that it was unable to meet them. We also felt that this was a matter between the company and the men, and should be settled by those parties between themselves.

Another Matter.

"The matter of service and the paving allowance we considered was a question between the company and the city. Both these matters are provided for under bylaw 916, which gives the city certain powers in the event of the company refusing to carry out its agreement. For that reason we recommended that the company be served with formal notice to restore the service. This had not been restored up to the time of the strike.

"The matter of the service affects the men to the extent that the withdrawal of six cars means that about twenty-four men must be returned to the spare list or thrown out of employment altogether.

"The special committee felt that, while it had every sympathy for the men, both in regard to wages and the effect of the improper service, the only action possible was such as concerned the agreement between the city and the company only, and by the city we meant the individual citizens, because this was a matter which vitally affected the individual citizens more than any question that had arisen for many years. We considered that we were placed in a position where our duty was to protect the citizens against what we considered would not be a fair and just thing at the present time, namely, an increase in street car fares.

No Sale Offer Obtainable.

"We sought to secure from the company an offer of an option price on its stock, and, if the company felt that we, as a committee, had no power to deal with the matter of purchase, we were willing that an option should be given to some responsible person pending such time as the council could take the necessary steps to secure authority to purchase the stock. We were entirely unable to get even a suggestion of an offer from the company, and the matter is now up to the company to give us a price, which they say they could do after a directors' meeting, followed by a meeting of the shareholders.

"The only deduction we can make from the company's unwillingness to quote a price is that the company does not want to sell, and must believe that it has something worth keeping.

"The committee, knowing the manner in which the company had failed to keep previous agreements, did not feel that it could rely on the company to keep any agreements in the future.

"While the company did make certain proposals to the committee, it did not give anything in writing, nor did it give us any guarantee that it would keep any new agreements which might be entered into. Among the things the company proposed was that it would settle with its men on terms to be decided between themselves, as that was a matter entirely between the company and the men.

"The company having broken faith so much in the past, the committee lost all faith in the company, and at the same time felt that the company was still anxious for an increase in fares not altogether for the sake of the men, but for its own sake, and we had no guarantee that this was not the case. From recent developments we were apparently justified in having such doubt as to the company's motives.

"After considering all phases of the situation we felt that the only fair thing to the citizens, the men and the company would be to send the question of increased fares to the people as early as possible."

TORONTO STRIKE OVER; MEN GET INCREASE WITHOUT MORE FARE

Street Car Company May Be Bought Out.

Toronto, July 4.—After nearly two weeks of trolley carless streets, Toronto enjoyed the regular schedule of street car services today.

The employees have all returned to work on basis of 55 cents an hour for men of more than one year's standing, with slightly less for the "learners." For the present many of them will work the old ten-hour day, but as soon as schedules can be rearranged the understanding is that they will be given a straight eight-hour day. The previous maximum was 39c per hour.

At present the service is being operated under the direction of the Ontario Railway Board, with R. C. Harris, civic commissioner of works, as general manager. Meantime experts are going over the books of the company to find the basis of the company's claim that they cannot afford to pay higher wages. There will be no increase in fares just now.

It is expected that negotiations will be opened shortly with a view to purchase of the Toronto Railway Company's properties by the city or the Hydro-Electric Commission.

Here's a Defy To All Fishermen Who Fancy Their Skill

Deputy Sheriff and Friend Challenge the Whole Community.

Deputy Sheriff B. F. Watterworth and J. E. Goble have issued a challenge to all trout fishers from far and near to try to beat them in the fine art of catching the elusive speckled beauties. They are willing to hold the contest at any stream in Middlesex County.

Anyone picking up the gauntlet thrown down by these knights of the rod and reel will have to be very ardent disciples of Izaak Walton to win, for their records for the past two months are no mean ones. Since May 1, the beginning of the trout season, the deputy-sheriff has captured 105 of the finny tribe. On Thursday he caught 28, on Wednesday 5, and on Tuesday 13. Many of these weighed over a pound.

Only Worms Used.

No bright colored flies, either wet or dry were used to lure the fish to their doom. Instead a few of those humble little worms were impaled on a hook. The fishermen did not walk boldly to the edge of the stream and cast their lines in the water, for had they done this their story would have been one of failure. On arriving at the pool they approached the edge in the same manner that a wild beast stalks its prey. All efforts were rewarded when the bait neared the water for from its clear depths a lord of the stream leaped into the air, and another trout had left his haunts, for a home elsewhere.

Not Telling.

Fearing that the reporter might take a holiday and journey to this sportsman's paradise, the county official and his friend refused to tell the location of the stream in which the fish were caught.

In speaking about trout Mr. Watterworth said that the season ends for even now they had spawn in them. The season ends on August 1, whereas, it is claimed, it should end on July 1, and begin on April 1.

BALTIC PARTY HAS ENTRAINED AT HALIFAX

The following men for this district arrived at Halifax per S.S. Baltic this morning, and are proceeding to this dispersal area today on a special train.

London—Pte. D. McNeil, notify Mr. McNeil, 309 Grey street.

St. Thomas—Spr. J. F. M. Battes, Mrs. R. T. Battes, 21 Warwood street; Sergt. F. Y. Branton, Mrs. Branton, 174 Manitoba street.

Windsor—Pte. J. J. McLinnen, Mrs. James, 13 Glengarry avenue.

Gunner R. W. Moore, Bright, Ont.; Sergt. W. L. Ferren, Charing Cross; Pte. L. H. Moore, 54 Wilson avenue, Chatham; Major L. F. Jones, Chesley, Ont.; Pte. O. W. Klinkman, Courtright, Ont.; N.-S. M. Weld, Delaware; Pte. I. W. Moyer, Eberts, Ont.; Pte. B. Hayden, Empress, Alta.; Spr. D. Purvis, Essex; Pte. H. C. Schinbein, Gowanstown; Pte. A. C. Redman, Innerkip; Pte. J. A. Hill, Inwood; Pte. C. Douglas, Listowel; Capt. A. O. Hinds, Manitowaning; Pte. F. W. Ohm, Milverton; Pte. O. Moore, Newbury; Pte. J. A. Aitken, Petrolea; Pte. G. D. Wilson, Pinkerton; Pte. Knowles, 122 Martin street, Sarnia; Pte. H. J. W. Weston, 414 South Block, Sarnia; Pte. E. Sylvester, St. Joachim; Spr. C. R. Barber, Thamesford; Pte. H. N. McDonald, Thamesville; Sergt. T. Moss, Tilsdford; Spr. T. A. Dupuis, Tilbury; Pte. E. Brown, Waterloo; Pte. F. G. Tribbeck, Watford; Pte. S. R. Overton, Woodbridge, Man.

PHONE GIRLS STILL OUT.

Vancouver, B. C., July 4.—At 1 o'clock this morning Mayor Gale reported that, after negotiations between the telephone girls and the telephone company lasting from 3 o'clock yesterday until midnight, the deadlock in the telephone strike still existed.

The negotiations are proceeding.

MEN FROM CARONIA WARMLY WELCOMED

Several Londoners in Party Which Arrived.

HAD EXCELLENT PASSAGE

Capts. W. C. Riddiford and Gordon Gerald Come With Party.

A party of returned soldiers, numbering 5 officers and 157 men, arrived at the Quebec street station of the C. P. R. this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. This party crossed the Atlantic on the S.S. Caronia, and the soldiers reported a good trip, with excellent food and quarters aboard the giant Cunard liner. The Canadian Garrison Regiment brass band was present at the station, and there was also a large crowd of relatives and friends on hand to greet the men.

Upon detraining, the party proceeded to Carling Heights for dispersal, prior to which Major George G. Moncrieff, conducting officer of the party, addressed the soldiers, thanking them for the discipline maintained during the homeward trip, and for the excellent condition in which they kept their quarters on board the Caronia. He also wished the men God-speed in their step into civilian life, and at the conclusion of his address every member of the party joined in three cheers for their temporary commanding officer.

Grateful for Welcome.

The soldiers returning today were unanimous in their praise of the townspeople of Halifax, Montreal and Moncton, especially those of the latter place, where they turned out to meet the troop train bearing the party, with a brass band, and their hospitality was very much appreciated by the returning heroes. Two members of the party served with the Canadian forces in Russisa, and the majority of those soldiers returning today wore wound stripes, several being members of the "Original First" contingent.

They stated that the train service from Halifax to London was excellent, the usual delays having been eliminated by those in charge of transportation.

No Speeches.

Members of the civic reception committee were present at Carling Heights and the railway station, but no speeches of welcome were made. After dispersal, which was very quickly carried out, the returned heroes were served with refreshments, including ice cream and cold drinks, by the ladies of the local Red Cross in the dining hall at Tecumseh Barracks.

Capt. W. C. Riddiford, former minister at Egerton Street Baptist Church, who proceeded overseas as chaplain of the 142nd Battalion from London, returned with the party today, as did also Capt. Gordon Gerald of this city, who has been acting as a permanent conducting officer for troops returning to Canada. Following luncheon, the soldiers were conveyed downtown in autos, where they left as soon as possible by train for their homes in this district, the local soldiers proceeding directly to their homes in this city.

Motorman Knocked Down and Hurt by Motor Car

James McNernie Struck When Alighting From His Car.

When alighting from street car No. 110 at Dundas and Quebec streets about 10:40 o'clock Thursday morning, James McNernie, 425 Elizabeth street, motorman of the car, was struck down by an automobile, the number of which, he says, was 47749. This number was given to William Dufferin, R. R. No. 1, London Junction.

The motor car was driven by a boy, and was stopped after the accident.

Mr. McNernie had his foot run over by the car and his back struck by the fender, and had to be relieved of duty. The doctor in attendance found severe bruises, but does not anticipate serious results.

NO SAILINGS AVAILABLE FOR ANY MERE CIVILIANS

Transportation of civilians who have booked passages from England to Canada is being held up while every available boat is being used to carry home Canadian troops, it is announced by military authorities.

Several dependents of Londoners now in England have cabled that bookings they had made for sailings this week from English ports have been cancelled, some for an indefinite period.

The last of the Canadian troops in England, with the exception of those engaged in demobilization staff work and headquarters offices are expected, home within the next few weeks.

ARE GOING TO ENGLAND.—Rev. J. T. C. Morris and R. R. Smith, president of the Askin Street Methodist Church Men's Brotherhood, will be among the delegates who will go to England to attend the International Brotherhood conference to be held in London from September 13 to 17. It is a world conference, and delegates from all parts of Canada and the United States will attend.

COTTON.

Liverpool, July 4.—Cotton—Futures: July, 19.98d; August, 19.75d; September, 19.65d; October, 19.53d; November, 19.46d; December, 19.39d; January, 19.31d; February, 19.22d; March, 19.13d; April, 19.04d; May, 18.95d.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.]

Toronto, July 4.

	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
A Sugar	53½	52	Imperial	200	..
do pfd.	11½	..	Merch ..	198	197½
Barcel..	10	9¾	Montr'l	215	..
Brazilian	59	58½	N Scotia	..	273
B C Fish	54	53	Royal...	..	215½
Bell Tel.	..	119	Standard	..	214½
Burt, c..	..	90½	Toronto	199	198
do pfd.	95	93	Union...	..	169
Cement.	68¾	68¼	Loans, etc.—		
C S L...	51¾	51	C Land.	145½	..
do pfd.	84¾	84¼	C Perm.	..	173
CGElec.	112	109	C Invest.	..	71
C Loco.	..	76	H Prov.	..	146
C Salt..	135	..	H & E..	..	114
C Dairy.	..	60	20% pd.	..	100
do pfd.	..	94	L Bank.	..	139
C Smelt.	31½	30¾	L & C..	123	118
Con Gas.	..	148	N Trust	..	198
Canners.	53	51½	OntLoan	..	156
Dome.	1500	1450	20% pd.	..	150
DSteelC.	70¼	70	REstate	105	..
Dom Tel	..	86	T Trust	..	212
Duluth..	30	28	T Mort..	..	132
Mackay.	79	78	Bonds—		
do pfd.	67	66½	Ames...	..	90
M Leaf.	..	165	A Sugar	..	90
Monarch	..	60	C Bread.	94½	94
do pfd.	..	90	C S L...	..	95
N S Car	10	8	C Loco..	94	93
do pfd.	..	30	C Car...	..	95
N S Car,			Canners.	96½	..
Vt., c.	11¾	6	D Iron..	87	..
P Burt..	27	..	Elec Dev	92	..
Penmans	..	94½	M L & P	30	..
P Rico..	30	..	Ogilvie,B	93	..
Rogers..	..	49	Penmans	87	..
Russell..	80	75	P Rico..	48	..
do pfd.	90	88	Ontario.	89	83
Sawyer,p	54	53	Quebec..	68¾	67
Spanish.	44¾	43¾	Rio Jan.	87¾	87
SChem,p	54	..	S Paulo.	86	80
Stl Can..	76¼	75¾	Spanish.	..	96
do pfd.	98½	98	Stl Can..	99½	99¼
Tooke...	43	42	War Loan,		
Tor Ry.	..	48½	1925...	100¼	99⅞
Tre'wey.	40	35	1931...	100⅝	100⅛
Tucketts	35½	34	1937...	102	101½
do pfd.	49	..	Victory,		
Tw City.	55	54	1922...	101⅝	101⅛
Win Ry.	50	47½	1927...	103½	103
Banks—			1937...	106¾	106¼
Com'rce	204½	203½	1923...	102¾	101½
Dom ...	205	203	1933...	105¼	105¼
Hamil'n	184				

Note.—There will be no session on Saturday, July 5.

CONTROL OF PAPER UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE COMMITTEE

Excessive Profits of Makers Should Be Limited, Is Plea.

Ottawa, July 4.—The House went into committee this morning on a resolution which provides for an extension of the powers and jurisdiction of the commissioner and controller of paper after the declaration of peace. It also provides for an extension of the authority of the paper control tribunal.

Sir Thomas White explained that the object of the resolution was to enable the commissioner and the paper control tribunal to complete all matters undertaken and determine all questions which had arisen prior to the declaration of peace. There was no intention of continuing the powers of the commissioner or tribunal after this work had been cleaned up. He explained that the commissioner had been appointed under the war measures act, and the tribunal constituted under the same bill.

McMaster Protests.

Therefore, unless Parliament made provision, their powers would cease with the declaration of peace.

A. R. McMaster protested against the Government's action in assisting the papers. It was an unsound principle, he said.

He thought the manufacturers should be allowed to charge their own prices, and if they made excessive profits, the Government could take it out of them on business and income taxes.

H. C. Hocken declared that if any industries had suffered during the war, it was the newspapers. Several papers in Ontario, he said, had been forced out of business during the war. If the Government was going to start limiting profits, the newsprint manufacturers were good people to start on.

Mr. Richardson said that action had been taken by the federal trade commission of the United States against the combine of newsprint.

Some of the members of the combine pleaded guilty and were fined $2,500. As a result of the combine, prices of newsprint had been enormously increased. Manufacturers had made large dividends, of which a large portion had been paid on pure water.

MEN WILL NOT MAKE ANY COMPROMISE NOW

The street railway men held another meeting this morning and received instructions as to reporting and answering to a roll-call each day. This procedure will be carried out each morning during the strike at 9 o'clock.

The attitude of the rank and file of the men is that they will accept no compromise. They say they have asked for 45 cents an hour as a maximum wage, with the feeling that this would provide only a living wage, and they are determined to accept nothing less. Many of them declare that, even if the executive were inclined to settle on a compromise basis, they, the men, would turn down the executive and continue on strike nevertheless.

CHAPMAN'S

Closed Wednesday at 1 o'Clock, June, July and August

Great Stocktaking Sale

NOW PROCEEDING

Many people have visited this great clearance sale, and they are taking advantage of the piles of splendid bargains we are offering; the values are good, and you are not likely to come across bargains such as these again in a hurry. We are expecting a big crowd for Saturday specials.

Hosiery Specials

50 dozen Ladies' Silk-Ankle Hose, in white, smoke, suede, in sizes 8½ to 10. These are pre-war stock; regular $1.25. Sale price 98c

Ladies' Light and Dark Grey Lisle Hose, sizes 8½ to 10, regular 60c. Sale price 49c

Ladies' White Sheer Lisle Hose, sizes 8½ to 10, regular 50c. Sale price 39c

Ladies' Lisle Hose, in black and white, sizes 8½ to 10, regular 45c. Sale price ..... 3 pairs for $1.00

Clearance of Underwear

All Must Go. No Reservations Are To Be Made.

Ladies' Very Pretty Fine Cambric Nightdresses, trimmed with lace and insertion. Sale price $1.35

Ladies' Underskirts, trimmed with lace and insertion. Sale price $1.75

Sale Pure Silk Camisoles, with pretty lace yoke, in pink and white only. Sale price $1.25

Clearance of Waists

All embody the most recent style ideas of the season. Please examine these few.

Ladies' Beautiful Embroidered Voile Waists, all sizes, regular $2.00. Sale price $1.25

Ladies' Waists in Habutai Silk, embroidered in white, maize and pink, in all sizes, regular $5.00. Sale price $3.50

Ladies' Voile and Crepe Waists, in all sizes, regular $1.25. Sale price 79c

PURE LINEN FOR DRESSES, SUITS AND SKIRTS

50% under today's cost.

The value of this linen is extraordinary.

46-inch Pure Linen for skirts and dresses. Sale price, 75c

34-inch Pure Linen for suits. Sale price 75c

48-inch Pure Linen for suits. Sale price $1.00

Art Dept. Specials

Read these items very carefully and they will open your eyes.

White Pure Linen Runners, sizes 36 to 45 by 18 inches; regular 60c to $1.25; only four dozen of these. Sale price 49c

One Dozen Colored Runners, in ecru and linen shades, sizes 45x18; regular $1.50. Sale price 79c

3 dozen Pure Linen Doilies, regular 25c. Sale price .. 9c

2 dozen Linen Traycloths, 27 inches, regular 50c. Sale price 39c

Pillow Cases, 44 inches, beautiful quality, regular 50c and 95c each. Sale price 39c each

SILK CHECK GINGHAM.

500 yards Check Silk Gingham, in all the leading shades, regular 75c. Sale price 59c

SILK FIGURED VOILE.

200 yards Silk Figured Voile in three designs only, regular 75c. Sale price 50c

GLOVES, 19c.

Ladies' Black and White Cotton Gloves, sizes 6, 6½, 7. Sale price 39c

Ladies' Grey, Black and Natural Cotton Gloves. Sale price 19c

BLACK SILK POPLIN, $1.00 YARD.

Beautiful Quality Black Silk Poplin, full yard wide, regular $1.75. Sale price $1 yard

Ladies' Corsets, $1.19.

Ladies' Corsets in best quality coutil, in all sizes ... $1.50

Special Sale Number, in all sizes, regular $1.75, for $1.19

Misses' Corsets, with elastic top. Sale price 98c

98c Children's Embroidered Dresses

These Pretty Embroidered Dresses for little girls must not be overlooked, sizes 1 to 6 years; regular $3.00. Sale price 98c

John H. Chapman & Co.

Here's the Sale You're Waiting For

All our Women's and Children's Trimmed and Untrimmed Panama Hats are to be placed on sale Friday and Saturday at unusually low prices. Panama Hats are ideal for warm weather. They are dressy, light and give a maximum of protection from the heat.

TRIMMED PANAMAS, $2.45.

Of unusually good weave, nicely trimmed with latest ribbons, bands, etc. Friday and Saturday $2.45

TRIMMED PANAMAS, $3.95.

A dandy assortment of Panama Hats, trimmed with ribbons and velvets and in all the novelty effects, in large and small sizes. Specially priced at $3.95

CHILDREN'S PANAMAS.

In good, serviceable shapes. Just what you want for the girl for summer wear. Specially priced at $1.35

GENUINE JAMAICAN PANAMAS.

Guaranteed against rain and damp weather. Can be washed with soap and water. In all the latest styles, shapes and trims. All greatly reduced in price.

Jamaica Panama Hat Co.

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246 DUNDAS STREET. Next to Mason & Risch Piano Store.

OAK HALL

A Special Sale of Suits

Saturday at $23.50

49 Men's and Young Men's Suits go on sale Saturday morning at $23.50. These Suits are developed from tweeds and fancy worsted materials in models for men and young men, from the conservative sack to the extreme waist seam model, which is so popular just now with the young men. The sizes run from 34 to 40, but the most of the Suits come in sizes 35, 36 and 37. Special Saturday.... $23.50

How About Some Cool Clothes for Your Summer Outing?

The pleasure you get out of your vacation will depend largely on the sort of clothes you wear.

Two-piece Suits of Homespun, "Kool" Cloth and Palm Beach.

Every garment made up as light as it is possible to make it.

Suits at $15, $18, $20, $25, $30

Then don't overlook our cool Shirts, Underwear, Hosiery and Hats.

New Cotton Bloomers and Knickers for boys.

New Wash Suits for boys.

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