

## Electric Railway Notes.

The Winnipeg Electric Ry. has received 2 semi-steel cars from Ottawa Car Manufacturing Co.

The Three Rivers Traction Co. has received 2 one-man wooden cars from Ottawa Car Manufacturing Co.

Toronto and York Radial Ry. employes, about 200 in all, have decided to join the Toronto Railway Employes' Union, instead of forming a separate branch.

The British Columbia Electric Ry. was fined \$30 by the Victoria police magistrate, recently, for permitting one of its cars to proceed at a greater rate of speed than 10 miles an hour.

The British Columbia Electric Ry. entertained the members of the Engineering Institute of Canada's Vancouver branch, at its Lake Buntzen hydro electric power development plant recently.

The Regina Municipal Ry. employes' union voted recently to withdraw from membership in the Regina, Sask., Trades and Labor Council, owing to that body having endorsed the constitution of the one big union.

The Cape Breton Electric Co. began recently a safety first campaign through advertisements in the local papers. The first talk was introductory, and subsequent talks were addressed to passengers, parents, boy scouts, auto drivers, etc.

The Vancouver, B.C., City Council gave the first reading recently to a bylaw repealing the bylaw authorizing the operation of a jitney service in the city, passed during the recent strike in which British Columbia Electric Ry. employes joined.

The Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Co. contemplates the purchase for its lines in Halifax, N.S., of 20 single truck Birney safety cars, as soon as the Nova Scotia Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities grants the necessary permission to do so.

The British Columbia Public Utilities Commissioner has under consideration an application of residents of South Vancouver for an increased service. The people ask for a 15 minute through service instead of the present shuttle car service on Main St. from 52nd St.

In Vancouver every Friday, one of the B.C. Electric Ry.'s observation cars is handed over to one of the military hospitals for the use of convalescent soldiers. Seventy tickets are given out each week to the blue band men and they enjoy the cars' regular trip through the city.

The Edmonton, Alta., City Commissioners propose to continue granting passes for disabled soldiers on the Edmonton Radial Ry., and to make an application to the military authorities at Ottawa for payment. The same decision was made with regard to 12 passes issued to the military police.

The Montreal Tramways Commission is said to have under consideration the operation of one man cars on certain city stub lines. It was reported Aug. 12 that arrangements would be made to hold a meeting at the end of August at which the question could be discussed by all parties interested.

The London and Port Stanley Ry. is quoting a round trip fare from London to Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, returning on the following

day. The trip from Port Stanley to Cleveland and return is made by the steamboat Theodore Roosevelt, which runs daily between those ports.

Saskatoon, Sask., ratepayers, by a vote of 174 to 123, taken recently, defeated the proposal favoring the operation of one-man cars on the Saskatoon Municipal Ry. They also defeated the proposal to provide the funds necessary for the alteration of the present cars to permit of their operation as one-man cars.

The Oshawa Ry. has ordered a 50 ton electric locomotive from Ottawa Car Manufacturing Co. It is to be all steel construction, 32 ft. long over bumpers, cab 16 ft. long by 10 ft. wide, top of rail to top of roof 12 ft. It will be equipped with four 100 h.p. Westinghouse motors with Westinghouse H.L. double end control, Westinghouse EL 14 air brake and locomotive brake.

The Grand River Ry. inaugurated a Sunday car service on its lines between Galt, Preston, Hespeler, and Kitchener, Ont., Aug. 3. The service is an hourly one, and the cars arrive at and leave Galt, in connection with the cars on the Lake Erie and Northern Ry., which is operated under the same management. It is now therefore possible to make a Sunday trip from Kitchener to Port Dover on Lake Erie, and return on the same day.

The Elgin, Ont., county judge has reserved judgment on the appeal of the London and Port Stanley Ry. against an assessment of \$61,000 on its property in Port Stanley, Ont., property. The company claims that the line, being municipally owned, is exempt from taxation even under the act passed at the Ontario Legislature's last session. This act, counsel for Port Stanley, contended, was passed for the purpose of making the property assessable.

A London, Ont., City Council's committee had before it recently a report on the service given by the London St. Ry., which claimed that the company was not maintaining the service called for in the bylaw, reference being specially made to the continued maintenance of a stub line on Rectory St., between Dundas St. and Hamilton Road. The report was adopted, but the matter was referred back to the committee in order that a further report might be received from the City Engineer.

The Winnipeg Electric Ry. announced recently that it was employing 517 returned soldiers. Of these 259 are previous employes, who went back to their positions enjoying their seniority and all benefits which accrued during their absence overseas. Following are other particulars: Employes in company's service having joined army, 607; returned soldiers previously employed re-entered service, 259; returned soldiers not previously employed now in service, 258; returned soldiers employed, but since resigned, 357.

The Regina, Sask., City Council on Aug. 9, approved of a report of the commissioners on the question of the feasibility of having the Regina Municipal Ry. cars meet all trains at the union station. The commissioners reported against the proposal. Superintendent Houston pointed out that the most feasible way of providing such a service would be to extend the College line round the South Railway

St. loop, and give a 10-minute service. In order to pay operating charges and overhead expenses it would be necessary to carry 1000 passengers a day from the station. Commissioner Thornton is reported to have said that there was absolutely no chance of getting sufficient patronage to justify the operation.

John Mackay & Co.'s appeal against the judgments of the Canadian court in his action against the City of Toronto for \$42,000 for services rendered in connection with the proposed purchase of the Toronto railway by the city some few years ago, came before the Imperial Privy Council recently, judgment being delivered Aug. 7, dismissing the appeal, with costs. When the case was before the Canadian courts judgments were rendered against appellant each time, one judgment stating that if he was entitled to recover the amount he should receive would be approximately \$7,000. The point on which the appeal failed was that there was no agreement between the parties and that the then mayor had no authority through the city council to commit the city to the matter.

**Toronto Preparing to Take Over the Toronto Ry.**—The mayor of Toronto made the following statement recently:

"The city council's traffic commission will meet weekly, as soon as the exhibition is over. During the past six months a sub-committee of R. C. Harris, E. L. Cousins and Mr. Bradshaw, have been working on the financial, legal and engineering features of the taking over of the Toronto Ry. and everything is being done that can be done. A report will be presented to the city council shortly dealing with the whole question. The commission will report the extension of civic car lines, the opening of a car factory to manufacture cars, and on the submission of a bylaw for \$5,000,000 for equipment, track allowances and other matters, as well as on many matters referred to it during the past six months by the city council. As soon as we take over the railway, a commission of three or more will be appointed, similar to the harbor board, to take complete control of the system, and operate it."

**Fort William Municipal Ry. and Port Arthur Civic Ry.**—A Port Arthur, Ont., press dispatch of Aug. 20 says that Sir Adam Beck, chairman, Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, has offered to take over the municipally owned railways in Fort William and Port Arthur, to put them under one management, and to make them pay. These lines are operated by commissions representing the city councils of Port Arthur and Fort William, respectively and have been losing money for some years past. There are several lines in each city and an interurban line connecting the two cities.

**Electrification of Belgian Railways.**—A Brussels cablegram states that the electrification of the principal railways in Belgium is to be proceeded with at once. The first line to be electrified will be that between Brussels and Antwerp, the estimated cost of the work being 15,000,000 francs. The electrification of the line from Brussels to Ghent, Louvain and Namar will be gone on with at a later date. The cablegram adds that contracts for the work had not been let up to Aug. 9.