

number of cars, which the former Co. claims are its own, & which are allowed to use the city's streets. The City Surveyor says it may be necessary, in order to put the resolution of the Council into force, to employ the aid of the police to stop Park & Island cars, if any enter the city, from doing so. The legal aspect of the case is being considered by the City Attorney.

Montreal St. Ry.—The gross earnings are:

	1898-9.	1897-8.	Increase.
Oct.	\$133,419.69	\$116,093.09	\$17,326.60
Nov.	125,126.10	110,698.98	14,427.12
Dec.	127,678.00	113,029.33	14,648.67
Jan.	125,276.04	110,155.96	15,120.08
Feb.	113,838.02	102,425.99	11,412.03
Mar.	123,754.11	114,476.98	9,277.13
April.	130,405.96	110,519.27	19,786.69
May.	145,466.38	123,308.08	22,158.30
June.	156,858.34	132,964.61	23,893.73
July.	154,048.07	143,986.63	10,061.44

\$1,335,870.71 \$1,177,758.92 \$158,111.79

The Montreal Terminal Ry. Co.'s annual meeting will be held at Montreal Sep. 20. This Co. was formerly known as the Montreal Island Belt Line Ry. Co.

The Quebec Ry. Light & Power Co.'s annual meeting will be held in Quebec Sep. 12.

The Lines in Western Canada.

British Columbia Electric Ry.—Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange Committee to appoint a special settling day in & grant a quotation to this Co.'s 20,000 ordinary shares of £10 each; 12,000 non-cumulative 5% preference shares of £10 each, & £250,000 4½% 1st mortgage debentures.

General Manager Buntzen has written the New Westminster Board of Trade, explaining delay in building the extension of the New Westminster city service to Sapperton, & stating that the Co.'s engineers have been instructed to survey the proposed line, construction on which is to be commenced early next spring.

Nelson Electric Tramway.—The following officers have been elected: President, F. W. Peters; Vice-President, T. J. Duncan; other Directors, C. S. Drummond, E. Garcke, W. A. Macdonald, J. Laing; Secretary, T. C. Duncan. It has been decided to push on construction as fast as possible, & it is said the two miles of track required by the city by-law will be exceeded. (Aug., pg. 247.)

Winnipeg Electric Ry.—The Portage Avenue line has been extended. The Co. has notified the city council that if insisted on a line will be built on Sherbrooke St., but it would prefer to make some other arrangement.

Ontario Electric Railways.

Brantford Electric Ry.—The City Council has called the attention of the Co. to a number of clauses in its franchise & agreement with the city, which it is alleged has not been observed, notably in regard to the repair of tracks & the running of a 15 minutes' service on all lines, with the exception of the Park extension, from 6.30 a.m. Commenting on the matter the Courier says:—"Citizens who complain about the car service, perhaps, should not forget the fact that it is entirely owing to outside enterprise that Brantford, for so many years now, has had an electric car service. We think we are right in saying that there is not a dollar of Brantford money in the enterprise. Ratepayers should also not forget that it is thanks to the enterprise of the Co. that Mohawk Park was inaugurated, & the park is undoubtedly one of the best advertisements Brantford ever had, bringing thousands of people to the city. We are of the opinion that if an up-to-date service was inaugurated in Brantford it could be made a dividend getter. We believe that a 10 minute service on the Brant Ave. & East Ward loop could be made

to pay better than a 15 minute service. We believe, in fact, that it would be to the advantage of the street railway to have a well ballasted track, the latest & most up-to-date cars, a service running on scheduled time, & live up to the letter of its agreement all through with the city, or even go it one better."

Manager Barron has written the Council claiming that the tracks & wires are in good shape.

On Brantford's civic holiday, Aug. 14, the Co. carried over 9,000 passengers to Mohawk Park.

Chatham.—It is expected another project for the establishment of an electric street railway will be submitted to the City Council in the near future.

Fort Erie to Chippawa.—Messrs. Freney & Hatmeyer, of the Westinghouse Electric Co. at Buffalo, & E. Baxter, of Fort Erie, called on the Chairman of the Niagara Falls Park Commissioners, in Toronto, recently & talked over a plan for building an electric railway along the Canadian bank of the Niagara River from Fort Erie to Chippawa. They are anxious to secure the privilege from the Ontario Government of running along the chain reserve, & are endeavoring to make terms & conditions in order that a company may be formed for the carrying out of the project. The matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the Park Commissioners, when a proposition will be submitted. The railway, if completed, would form the last link in the chain of electric roads along both sides of the river. Mr. Baxter is the owner of a line of ferries which operate between Buffalo & Fort Erie, & these would probably be used to convey the trolleys to Buffalo, where connection with the lines of the International Traction Co. would be secured.

The Hamilton Consolidations.—A meeting of shareholders of the Cataract Power Co. was held at Hamilton, Aug. 9, Hon. J. M. Gibson presiding, to ratify by-laws for the absorption of the Hamilton St. Ry., the Radial Ry. & the Hamilton & Dundas Ry. The action of the directors in buying stock in these companies was approved of, & the necessary assent was given to the carrying out of the big deal. All the financial arrangements have been made, & as soon as details are settled, these systems will pass into the hands of the Cataract Power Co. Then the systems will be operated by power from Decew Falls. Another transmitting wire will be put up between Hamilton & Decew Falls. It is not known what change of management will be made. It was decided to increase the capital stock of the Co. from \$250,000 to \$4,000,000. The other companies will be merged into the Cataract Co. The question of the building of the lines to Galt & Guelph did not come up, but this scheme will be taken up as soon as the big deal is completed.—Spectator.

London St. Ry.—The strike still continues. The following London despatch of Aug. 20 shows what the Co. has to contend with:—"One of the St. Ry. Co.'s cars ran off the track at the Pottersburg loop, 2 miles from the city, about 9.30 last evening & was badly wrecked by a crowd numbering between 150 & 200. A coupling pin had been placed on the track. The car was no. 96, in charge of Motorman Rogers & Conductor Clough, both of whom ran away when the crowd gathered. The car windows were all broken, the seats smashed into kindling wood, & fire started in two or three places in the car. The mob dispersed on the arrival of two carloads of special police, & the wrecked car was taken to the barns without trouble. The point at which the trouble occurred is outside the city limits. No arrests have been made."

The conduct of a large portion of London's citizens in connection with this strike has been disgraceful, & of course the city is suffering in

consequence. It is said some business men are working quietly towards securing united effort to break the boycott of the street cars which is damaging business materially.

Metropolitan Electric Ry.—The extension from Richmond Hill to Newmarket was opened Aug. 14. The time from North Toronto to Newmarket is 1½ hours, 4 round trips being made. As soon as the power plant at Bond's Lake is completed, which is expected to be early in Sep., the service will be increased & baggage cars will be put on. The Postmaster-General recently went over the line & it is said the Co. is likely to receive a mail contract.

Ottawa Electric Ry.—The line to Britannia will start about 500 ft. from Holland Avenue, Hintonburg, & will run parallel to the Richmond Road & at a distance of 300 yards from it. The line will be 4½ miles long, & the terminus will be at the beach about an eighth of a mile past Britannia. A station will be erected at the village & another at the lake shore. E. E. Perreault, C.E., is laying out the line. The construction work will be very solid, the rails being 70 lb. These will be ordered forthwith. Construction will be started as speedily as possible, & the line will be in operation this autumn. The line will be double track giving direct connection with all parts of the city. The beach to which the line runs is an ideal one for bathing. No steps have been taken to arrange for the laying out of a park which will be undertaken later.—Citizen.

Owen Sound.—J. H. McLauchlan says work will soon be started on the projected electric street railway, & that he anticipates no difficulty in disposing of all the stock necessary to build & equip the road. This year's experience with the park prompts the expectation that there will be sufficient traffic to meet running expenses, & that in two or three years the road would be a paying concern. No finer route could be desired than one skirting the water's edge along the bay shore.

Queenston-Lewiston Bridge.—The illustration on page 275 shows the first car crossing on July 21. The photograph was taken from the U.S. side of the river. (Aug., pg. 249.)

The Queenston Heights Bridge Co.'s annual meeting will be held at Niagara Falls, Ont., Sep. 12.

Toronto Railway.—The gross earnings are:

	1899.	1898.	Increase.
Jan.	\$95,690.12	\$86,502.36	\$9,187.76
Feb.	91,860.30	82,402.19	9,458.11
Mar.	103,234.88	92,318.42	10,916.46
April.	95,212.37	86,898.83	8,313.54
May.	104,806.62	92,670.35	12,136.27
June.	109,063.18	94,119.32	14,943.86
July.	116,824.94	104,302.92	12,522.02

\$716,692.41 \$639,214.39 \$77,478.02

On Aug. 7, the Civic Holiday, the Co. carried 139,000 passengers, exclusive of transfers, an increase of 18,000 passengers over the Civic Holiday of 1898. For the quarter ended June 30 the Co. paid the city \$1,934.39 percentage & \$1,854.96 mileage.

Maritime Provinces & Newfoundland.

Halifax, N.S., to Annapolis or Digby.—At a recent meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade W. V. Brown moved.—Whereas the need of a second & competing transportation railway line between Halifax & St. John, through Western Nova Scotia, is generally recognized, & whereas certain London & Berlin capitalists have intimated their willingness to construct an electric railway from Halifax to Annapolis or Digby provided certain concessions be offered; therefore resolved, that in the opinion of this board every encouragement should be given towards the furtherance of this enterprise by our Government, boards of trade, municipal & town council & the press. After discussion the motion was withdrawn for this year.