

Ottawa, November 5, 1917.

HON. H. C. BREWSTER,
Prime Minister of British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

DEAR SIR,—In accordance with the requirements of the commission issued by order of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council of British Columbia, of date July 11, 1917, appointing me a Commissioner under the provisions of the Public Inquiries Act for the purpose of making a full investigation of the economic conditions and operations of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company and subsidiary companies and of reporting the facts found, with such recommendations as might be suggested as the result of such inquiry, I have the honor to submit the accompanying report, with the detailed returns required and the evidence and arguments submitted and a summary of the proceedings before the Commission.

In accordance also with the resolution passed by the Vancouver City Council of the 10th of June, 1917, and concurred in by the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, requesting the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to appoint a Commission to thoroughly investigate the question of transportation in the City of Vancouver and surrounding districts and to decide definitely as to the possibility of the street car service being maintained in competition with the jitneys, and this resolution of the said Council having been made "on the understanding that the British Columbia Electric Railway Company and the City Council will abide by the decision arrived at by the Commission," there is given in the findings and recommendations at the close of the report a special decision on this subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) ADAM SHORTT,
Commissioner.