

was reduced to \$9,000 by the appeal court. After that the St. Ry. Co. assigned, & since then Easton has got nothing except \$1,500 paid without prejudice during the proceedings.

Bobcaygeon & Peterboro'.—At a recent meeting in Bobcaygeon the following were elected as officers of the Co. which proposes to build an electric line between Bobcaygeon & Peterboro': W. C. Moore, President; S. H. Thorne, Vice-Pres.; Rev. Mr. Innis & J. T. Robinson, Directors; W. J. Read, Sec. Treas.

Galt & Preston Electric Ry.—A by-law for \$12,000 bonus was carried in Waterloo June 10. This is the town's share towards the \$40,000 asked from Waterloo & Berlin by the Ry. Co., which will give both towns C.P.R. connections. If Berlin carries its by-law for the balance, \$28,000, it is said the C.P.R. will be installed in the twin towns by September next.

The Hamilton Radial Electric Ry. directors went over the road recently in a special fast car, fitted up to make the trip from Burlington to Hamilton and vice versa in, at most, 25 minutes. Two of these cars have been fitted up, having new trucks with wheels considerably larger than the old ones & motors of 50 h.p. The Company expects to be off Sherman Avenue very soon & running over the new Birch Avenue subway line. The G.T.R. workmen have completed one subway, & have the other nearly finished. They will do away with the dangerous level crossing. Nearly all the property owners over the new line have been settled with, & those who will not settle have been served with expropriation notices. One man wants at the rate of \$20,000 an acre for a small piece of land.

Hamilton St. Ry.—In the consideration of the application of this Co. for better terms at a recent meeting of the City finance committee, the question of municipal control was brought prominently before the aldermen. Not a single member favored the granting of the Co.'s application, although Ald. Hobson believed that the city, now having a good bargain, should extend the franchise. Several members considered that the City should acquire the franchise. After a long discussion, the committee decided to recommend that steps be taken to acquire the franchise. The committee will employ an expert to value the system.

The H.S.R. Co. has given the City notice that it "protests against the agreement between the City & the Hamilton Radial E. Ry. Co., on the ground that it is illegal, & if the provisions thereof are attempted to be carried out will interfere with the rights & property of the St. Ry. Co." The Co. will resist any attempt to interfere with its rights.

Kingston Electric Ry.—The Kingston branch of the Lord's Day Alliance, through the Secretary of the Provincial Lord's Day Alliance, recently applied to the Attorney-General for a fiat to take proceedings against the S. R. Co. for running cars on Sunday, May 22. The Attorney-General's reply was: "It appears the Co. have no intention or systematically running its cars on Sunday. Though the cars ran on the Sunday preceding the Queen's Birthday, this was in consequence of there being a large number of volunteers in Kingston, and many visitors who were desirous of seeing the camp. Under these circumstances it is thought a fiat should not be granted on the present application, but should the cars at any time be run regularly on Sundays a fiat will be granted."

The London Street Ry. Co.—The earnings for May were \$7,695.65, compared with \$7,312.38 in May, 1897, an increase of \$383.27.

Niagara Falls Park & River Ry.—The Co. is making some improvements in the power house, by installing two 500 h.p. power generators for the purpose of selling power

for commerce, etc. Already 400 h. p. of this has been contracted for, & it is probable the whole of the 1,000 h. p. will be in use in a very short time. The Co. has facilities for another 1,000 h.p. should requirements demand them. (Official).

For some time past negotiations have been going on between Manager Phillips, of the N. F. P. & R. Ry. & Mr. Bostwick, of the Upper Suspension Bridge Co., with reference to the Ry. Co. obtaining the right of way over the bridge, so as to run its electric cars over to Niagara Falls, N.Y., where it will have a station in the park. Early in May a conference was held between E. B. Osler, President; W. Hendrie, Vice-President; H. C. Hammond, Manager, & W. Phillips, Manager, representing the N. F. P. & R. Ry., & the President & directors of the Bridge Co., at which an agreement was effected. The Ry. Co. expect to have its cars into Niagara Falls, N.Y., before the end of June. (Official).

The N. F. P. & R. Ry. has entered into traffic arrangements with the Gorge Road across the river for the season of 1898, by which round trip tickets are sold at reduced rates. The N. Y. Central Ry. is issuing round trip tickets for both sides of the river.

Peterboro' to Chemong & Lakefield.—In reference to what we said about this project in our May issue, page 80, it may be added that the town of Peterboro' offered a bonus of \$20,000 to the project, but hedged it round with so many provisos that the promoter of the scheme could not see his way clear to accept it. The matter at present is in statu quo, & will probably remain so until the money market gets easier. (Official).

St. Thomas Electric Ry.—A correspondent writes: "There is one thing I have been anxious to know ever since the road was begun, but have been afraid to mention it in this righteous city. It is this: Will the cars of the St. T. E. Ry. run on Sunday? I hope they will. But I don't expect they will. Public morals are so very immaculate in this saintly city that it would never do to endanger them by allowing electric cars to run on Sunday."

This road, which was commenced Mar. 24 & is 6 miles long, has been about completed. The first car ran June 15, & the formal opening will be on July 5.

Smith's Falls, Rideau & Southern Ry.—The paragraph published in our May issue, pg. 81, on the authority of The Kingston News, saying that a contract had been let to a U. S. Company to build this line, was incorrect. We were unable to verify it before publication, but have now learned that the S. F. R. & S. Directors have been negotiating with a United States firm in regard to construction, but that since the declaration of war they have been unable to proceed with negotiations. The directors are anxious to arrange for construction in the town of Smith's Falls, & from there to the Rideau Lakes, which are fast becoming important summer resorts. There are a number of villages en route. (Official).

Strathroy & Western Counties Ry.—In 1893 the Ontario Legislature incorporated the Strathroy & Western Counties Ry. Co. with power to construct & operate a steam or electric railway from St. Thomas via Strathroy & Arkona to Forest or some point in the township of Bosanquet. The provisional directors were C. Grist, J. Cox, C. Bixel, W. J. Dyas, D. M. Cameron, W. Geddes & R. Pincombe, of Strathroy; Dr. J. A. McLeay, of Watford, & G. M. Everest, of Arkona. Work was to be commenced in 3 years, & completed in six years, but the time has been extended, & will expire next year. It is said work will be commenced this year on a portion of the line from Strathroy to a point on the C.P.R., and there is a strong

desire to have the portion from Strathroy to some point in Bosanquet also constructed. C. Gustin, of Valley Grove, is taking an active interest in the matter, & would be pleased to consult any others who feel interested. The line would doubtless have a large summer traffic between London & the Lake.

Toronto Ry. Co.—The gross earnings for the first five months of 1897 & 1898 are as follows:

	1897	1898	Increase.
Jan'y....	\$74,545.55	\$86,562.36	\$12,016.81
Feb'y....	69,744.61	82,402.19	12,657.58
March....	78,891.45	92,818.12	13,426.67
April....	73,756.38	86,898.83	13,142.45
May....	82,461.51	92,670.35	10,208.84

The City Treasurer of Toronto says in his recent annual report:—"The revenue from the St. Ry. under its contract with the City amounted last year to \$145,673, an increase of \$6,751 over 1896, \$85,673 of which was percentage of gross receipts, & \$60,000 mileage. This year the estimated revenue from St. Ry. services is \$154,000, an estimated increase of \$8,327 over last year. During last year the service was extended by the introduction of Sunday cars. While the Sunday service has been taken advantage of by the citizens generally, & has evidently been popular, it is too soon to form an estimate of the general effect on the revenue from this special source. It is due to the working staff of the road, the conductors & motormen, to acknowledge their exceptional courtesy to the public in the carrying out of their arduous and sometimes trying duties. A tabulated statement shows that the mileage & percentage have increased from \$55,134 & \$65,239 respectively in 1892 to \$64,000 & \$90,000 (estimated) in 1898.

The Court of Appeal has set aside the decision of the board of County Judges in the T. R. Co.'s appeal against the assessment of its rails, poles & wires at \$84,860 & \$79,254, in wards 1 & 2 respectively. Acting upon the authority of the court, the City Clerk has amended the assessment roll by restoring these amounts, & has also amended the collector's rolls accordingly. It has been decided by the T. Ry. Co. to appeal to the Imperial Privy Council, & Wm. Laidlaw, Q.C., is preparing to start for England in order to move for permission to enter an appeal. The Corporation Counsel has advised that the City Council authorize him to contest the application of Mr. Laidlaw, upon grounds which he believes to be unassailable.

The Mayor & City Engineer of Toronto recently received communications from Manager Keating of the T. Ry. Co., asking that bicyclists be kept off that portion of the public streets upon which the Co.'s rails are laid, & which are known as the track allowances. The letter to the City Engineer is as follows:—"I enclose copy of the resolution passed by the directors of the T. Ry. Co., at its last meeting with reference to this matter. While the Co. is willing to give fair & reasonable consideration to the privileges of all persons who ride bicycles on the streets, it complains that the provision embodied in the agreement with the city & in the act of incorporation, that cars shall have the right of way, & that their operation shall not be delayed or obstructed, has been constantly violated by some of the bicyclists, & it is thought the city authorities should discourage as much as possible the riding of bicycles on the street railway portion of the roadway, & should forbid bicycle riding on the strip between the tracks. I understand that in some American cities ordinances have been passed making it an offence to ride bicycles on the strip between the street railway tracks, & subjecting any person offending to arrest & fine. You will, I think, admit that it is unreasonable that the ordinary speed & operation of cars which accommodate 75,000 to 80,000 passengers daily should