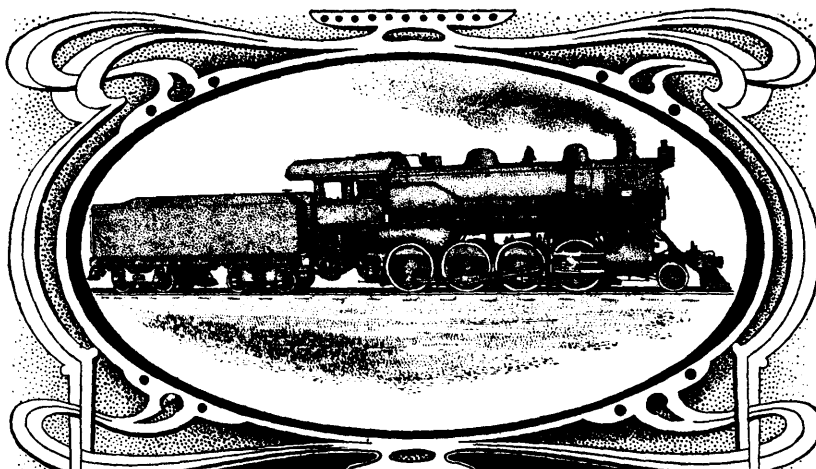


Montreal Street Railway Co.'s Report.

The report for the year ended Sept. 30, presented at the annual meeting, Nov. 2, shows net earnings of \$952,826.80, compared with \$905,939.01 last year. After providing for the percentage on earnings accrued to the city, and interest on bonds and loans, the directors declared four quarterly dividends, amounting to \$642,520.00, and, in view of the company having assumed its own fire insurance risk, placed an additional sum of \$20,000 to the credit of the fire insurance fund, which now amounts to \$267,904.92, and \$50,000 to the credit of the contingent account, leaving a surplus of \$821.48, which has been transferred to the general surplus account of the company. An amount of \$100,404.99 expended during the year on special renewals has been charged against contingent account. The gross earnings show an increase over the previous year of \$241,037.05, or 10.84%. The operating expenses, however, increased during the same period \$194,149.26, or 14.74%, due principally to the severe weather experienced during last winter and to the heavy increase in the amount expended during the year in the maintenance of the property and equipment, it being the desire of the directors to maintain the same in the highest possible efficiency, also to an increased car service necessary to meet the requirements of the travelling public. While the gross earnings of the Montreal Park & Island Ry. Co.'s system have shown a satisfactory increase, the operating expenses have also shown an increase, due to the causes mentioned above; in consequence the M.S.Ry. Co. has not received any interest on the securities owned by them in that company. In this connection the directors mention that the M.P. & I. Ry. is indebted to the M.S.R. Co. for advances for construction requirements \$163,241.44, and for interest on bonds and preferred stock \$565,812.77, the latter amount not being included in the earnings nor the balance sheet of the company. Considerable new extensions to the tracks of the company have been constructed during the year, and the rolling stock and equipments have been largely increased to keep up with the requirements of the traffic. As will be noticed by the large expenditure charged against the contingent account for special renewals, the greater part of which is for renewal of tracks, the directors have been obliged to expend a considerable amount. This expenditure, however, has been absolutely necessary, and



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