

MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.

The statements of the above company continue to show handsome earnings from month to month and those for August are very favourable. There are marked increases in the different items as compared with the same period last year.

The passenger earnings were \$293,402 and miscellaneous 6,877 making the total receipts for the month \$300,279 which is larger than 1905, by \$38,270 or 14.61 p.c. The operating expenses were \$158,415 an increase of the same time last year of \$22,216 or 16.31 p.c. leaving the net earnings for the month \$141,863, an increase of 18,053 or 12.76 p.c. as compared with August, 1905. The fixed charges amounted to 16,078 being greater by \$3,692 than last year. The surplus \$82,433 shows a decrease of \$7,908 over the corresponding period 12 months ago, but this is accounted for by the sum of \$15,014 being set aside for renewals.

For the eleven months since October 1, the net earnings were \$1,108,179, an increase over the same term 1904-5 of \$195,388. This was reduced by expenses and fixed charges to a surplus of \$673,939, being an advance of \$28,537 on the surplus a year ago.

CANADA'S AGGREGATE TRADE.

Canada's aggregate trade for the first two months of the fiscal year shows an increase of over nineteen million dollars over the same time last year. The imports were \$51,844,913, a gain of \$9,035,846, and the exports, domestic and foreign, were \$46,216,179, an increase of \$10,647,544 over the same two months in 1905. There is over five millions of an increase in agriculture alone. The only decrease is in the produce of the mine, which shows a drop of three-quarters of a million. The details are:

Imports—two months ending August:			
	1905.	1906.	
Dutiable goods.. . . .	\$26,640,998	\$30,679,475	
Free goods.. . . .	16,045,267	20,508,103	
Coin and bullion.. . . .	122,802	657,335	
Total.. . . .	\$42,809,067	\$51,844,913	
Duty collected.. . . .	17,160,179	7,906,922	
Exports, domestic products — two months:			
	1905.	1906.	
Products mine.. . . .	\$5,451,250	\$4,691,141	
Fisheries.. . . .	1,914,285	1,913,726	
Forest.. . . .	7,223,965	8,928,207	
Animals and produce.. . . .	13,493,142	16,573,447	
Agriculture.. . . .	2,593,553	4,793,696	
Manufactures.. . . .	2,262,180	3,658,093	
Miscellaneous.. . . .	13,920	41,889	
Total.. . . .	\$33,952,325	\$40,600,109	
Foreign exports.. . . .	1,616,224	5,616,070	
Total foreign and domestic.. . . .	\$35,568,549	\$46,216,179	

FIRE INSURANCE IN CANADA IN 1905.

(From the Report of the Superintendent of Insurance.)

FIRE PREMIUMS AND LOSSES CANADA IN 1904.

The cash received for premiums during the year in Canada has amounted to \$14,285,671, being greater than that received in 1904 by \$1,115,789, and the amount paid for losses has been \$6,000,519 which is less than that paid in 1904 by \$8,099,015. The ratio of losses paid to premiums received is shown in the following table:—

	Paid for Losses.	Received for Premiums.	Rate of Losses paid same for per cent. of Premiums received.	The 1904.
Canadian companies..	\$ 1,399,065	\$ 5,013,714	46.42	95.53
British " "	3,634,706	8,582,925	42.35	109.94
American " "	965,748	2,649,032	35.95	110.27
Total.....	6,000,519	14,285,671	42.00	107.06

The corresponding results for the thirty-seven years over which our records extend, are given below.—

	Premiums received.	Losses paid.	Rate of Losses paid per cent. of Premiums received.
	\$	\$	
1869	1,785,539	1,027,720	57.56
1870	1,916,779	1,624,837	84.77
1871	2,321,716	1,541,199	66.73
1872	2,628,710	1,907,975	72.66
1873	2,968,416	1,682,184	56.87
1874	3,522,303	1,926,159	54.68
1875	3,544,764	2,563,531	71.31
1876	3,708,006	2,867,295	77.3
1877	3,761,005	8,430,919	225.58
1878	3,358,430	1,222,674	54.11
1879	3,227,488	2,145,198	66.47
1880	3,479,577	1,566,578	47.90
1881	3,827,116	3,169,824	82.83
1882	4,229,706	2,664,986	63.01
1883	4,624,741	2,920,228	63.14
1884	4,980,128	3,245,323	65.16
1885	4,852,460	2,679,287	55.22
1886	4,532,335	3,301,388	66.93
1887	5,244,502	3,403,54	64.90
1888	5,437,263	3,073,822	56.53
1889	5,588,016	2,876,211	55.47
1890	5,836,071	3,266,567	55.97
1891	6,168,716	3,905,697	63.31
1892	6,512,327	4,377,270	67.22
1893	6,793,595	5,052,690	74.37
1894	6,711,369	4,589,363	68.38
1895	6,943,382	4,993,750	91.92
1896	7,075,850	4,173,501	58.88
1897	7,157,661	4,701,433	65.69
1898	7,350,131	4,784,487	65.09
1899	7,910,492	5,182,038	65.51
1900	8,331,948	7,774,293	93.31
1901	9,650,348	6,774,956	70.20
1902	10,577,084	4,152,249	39.26
1903	11,384,762	5,870,716	51.57
1904	13,169,842	14,099,534	107.66
1905	14,285,671	6,000,519	42.00
Totals.....	215,861,249	146,310,355	67.78

Taking the totals for the same thirty-seven years, according to the nationalities of the companies, the following are the results 1869-1905:—