earnings, $224,347 against $185,175. Percentage of expenses to gross earnings after charging for renewals, 66.65% against 67.92%.

G. P. Norton presided at the annual meeting in the absence of R. M. Horne-Payne, chairman of the company, and moved the adoption of the report and the declaration of the dividends as recommended, which was approved. R. K. Sperling and E. L. Evan-Thomas, the retiring directors, were re-elected, and a resolution was passed constituting the directors of the B.C. Electric Ry. Co. directors of the Vancouver Power Co.

Quebec Ry. Light and Power Co.

In our last issue we published a report and statement of accounts received from the Company's offices in response to a request for a copy of the report presented at the annual meeting held Oct. 9. By some oversight a copy of the report for the year ended June 30, 1902, was forwarded instead of that for the year ended June 30, 1903, and this was not noticed in our office. Following are extracts from the report for the latter year:

The net profit for the year was $18,204.85, which, added to the balance of profit and loss account carried forward from 1902, increases the amount at the credit of that account to $117,357.40. The business of the year had to suffer largely from the loss of the revenue derived from the city lighting contract which terminated in Oct., 1902. Kent House and the passenger elevator at Montmorency have together yielded a fair profit, as much as was anticipated from the first year's operations. The result of the operations of the Montmorency division is on the whole satisfactory, and shows increases in the number of passengers, and of freight carried; it has yielded good net profits and fair increases over the profits of previous years. The Citadel division has made good progress; it has yielded satisfactory results and also shows an increase in net profits. Reference was made to the cancellation of 5,000 shares of common stock in the treasury, and the issue, in place thereof, of 5,000 shares of 7% preference stock. This stock had been offered to the shareholders and 2,186 shares had been taken up by the end of the financial year. The dividends are payable in Nov. and May. E. E. Webb resigned from the Board of Management during the year, and F. W. Ross was appointed in his place.

The report of E. A. Evans, General Manager, in connection with the railway portion of the Company's undertaking, follows:

Citadel Division.—During the past year 4,424,127 passengers have been carried, an increase of 231,328 over the previous year. The number of transfers issued was 1,472,645, an increase of 12,360. The car mileage has been 1,179,031, an increase of 70,344 miles; the sweeper mileage, 10,276, an increase of 4,476 miles. Notwithstanding the slight increase in wages made to long service employes, the operating expenses have been reduced from 11.35c. a car mile to 10.85c. All cars have been kept in a thorough state of repair, painted and revarnished when necessary, and the electrical equipment has also been maintained in a high state of efficiency.

Montmorency Division.—The passengers carried on this division are as follows: On electric trains, 666,460; on steam trains, 131,481; a total of 797,941 passengers, an increase of 148,854 over the previous year. The steam passenger trains made 129,276 miles, being 20,884 less than the previous year; the electric cars made 195,234 miles, an increase of 44,577, making a total increased mileage of 23,693 over the previous year. There were 103 organized pilgrimages to Ste. Anne de Beaupré, as against 99 last year, and 61 special excursions, as against 33. The new sidings placed at Petit Pré, Rivière des Chiens and Beaupré have had the effect of increasing the freight by 622 carloads, 1,912 carloads having been handled this year, as against 1,290 the previous year. The rapidly increasing freight business necessitates my recommending the purchasing of six additional box cars and 10 more flat cars, at a cost of about $9,200. Three new flag stations were constructed during the year. An express freight service was established during the year. The Kent House elevator continues to give satisfaction and has shown an earning of 13½% upon the investment. The rolling stock, roadbed, buildings and other property of the Company have all been maintained in the most efficient working order.

ASSETS.

Road and equipment, real estate, buildings, etc., including Kent house	$5,351,851 03
Cash on hand and in bank	10,525 95
Power division, operating, including accounts due, stores for operating equipment	36,415 05
Kent house—operating account	8,292 23
Montmorency division—operating account, stores, etc	23,153 07
Citadel division—operating account, represented by stores on hand	12,123 35
Accounts receivable	9,556 07
Bills receivable	2,082,30
	$5,453,999 05

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock			$2,500,000 00
Bonds			2,500,000 00
Preferred capital stock		$500,000 00	
Less in treasury	$281,400 00		
Balance of instalments on stock subscribed for	5,980 00		
		287,380 00	
			212,620 00
Bills payable			53,116 67
Accrued interest			11,868 17
Accounts payable,			59,036 81
Profit and loss account			117,357 40
			$5,453,999 05

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Balance carried from June 30, 1902		$99,152 55
Net earnings for year 1902-1903	$158,510 79	
Less—Interest on bonds, etc., paid and accrued	140,305 94	
		18,204 85
Balance		$117,357 40

A table showing the earnings, expenses, etc., of the Montmorency division from Aug. 10, 1889, to June 30, 1903, has been prepared. It shows that in the first year 98,863 passengers were carried, and that there was a loss on the year's operation of $2,569.59. Until 1898 the division was operated by steam, and during the year ended June 30, 1898, 221,940 passengers were carried, the net earnings being $16,347.89. The introduction of the electric cars, in addition to the steam service, brought about a large increase, the figures for each year since being:

	Earnings.	Expenses.	Net Earnings.	Passengers carried.
1898-99	$ 58,882 32	$32,950 74	$25,931 58	239,593
1899-00	65,615 23	37,275 58	28,439 65	261,178
1900-01	92,049 43	56,089 64	35,959 79	537,933
1901-02	102,934 72	65,183 10	37,751 62	649,087
1902-03	121,951 72	79,269 67	42,682 05	797,941

The following directors and officers have been elected for the current year: President, A. Thomson; Vice-President, F. Ross; other directors: Hon. S. N. Parent, G. H. Thomson, E. W. Methot, F. W. Ross, W. Shaw, W. Hanson, Hon. J. Sharples. The latter was elected in place of W. Price, resigned.

In our Nov. issue in the report of the address of President McNamara, at the convention of the Canadian Ticket Agents' Association at Sydney, N.S., he was made to say: "The companies we represent carried in 1887 2,000,000 passengers," etc. It should have read "10,698,638 passengers."

Montreal Street Railway Co.'s Report.

The report for the year ended Sept. 30, presented at the annual meeting Nov. 4, shows net earnings of $905,939.01, compared with $911,032.27 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 $600,000, and in view of the Co. having assumed its own fire insurance risk, placed an additional $25,000 to the credit of the fire insurance fund, which now amounts to $239,377.31, and $50,000 to the credit of the contingent account, leaving a surplus of $9,907.54, which has been transferred to the general surplus account. $54,130.18 expended during the year on special renewals, has been charged against the contingent account. The roadbed, rolling stock, buildings and other property have been efficiently maintained. The Directors call attention to the fact that the Co.'s earnings continue to increase in satisfactory ratio. The operating expenses per cent. of gross earnings show an increase, due to the heavy increased rate of wages paid in all departments, the increased amount spent on the maintenance of the Co.'s property and the increase paid to the city per cent. on gross earnings. While the gross earnings from the Montreal Park and Island Ry. Co.'s system have shown a satisfactory increase during the year, the working expenses have also increased from causes that have already been mentioned, and in consequence the Montreal Street Ry. Co. has not received any interest on the stock and bonds of the M.P. & I. Ry. Co. owned by it. The Directors issued during the year $1,000,000 of new stock, to provide for extensions to lines and additions to rolling stock and equipment. This stock was offered to and subscribed for at par by the shareholders. Several new extensions to the system have been completed and put in operation during the year, and the rolling stock equipments and feeder system have been increased to keep up to the requirements of the traffic. Strikes among the motormen and conductors occurred in Feb. and May respectively, causing an interruption in business for a short period. The Directors, in order to improve the relations between the company and its employes, have assisted in the establishment of a mutual benefit association, to provide life insurance, relief in cases of sickness and accident, and pension for long and faithful service, to the funds of which the company will contribute liberally. Jas. Ross, Vice-President, resigned during the year, and the board elected F. L. Wanklyn in his place. During the year the Co. has paid the city of Montreal: tax on earnings and other taxes, $121,298.80; on account of snow clearing, $47,168.17, a total of $168,466.97.

Following are comparisons: Gross receipts, $2,222,787.65, against $2,046,208.59; increase, 8.63%. Operating expenses, $1,316,848.64, against $1,135,176.32; increase 16%. Operating expenses per cent. of car earnings, 60.20%, against 56.39%. Net earnings, $905,939.01, against $911,032.27. Net income per cent. of capital 11.41%, against 11 68%. Passengers carried, 54,592,014, against 49,947,467; increase, 9.30%. Transfers, 16,774,595, against 15,077,511.

ASSETS—1903.

Cost of road and equipment:	
Construction, &c	$ 3,650,222.12
Equipment, &c.	3,287,160.53
Real estate and buildings	1,627,009.37
M.P. & I. Ry. Co.'s stock and bonds	1,160,105.40
	$ 9,724,497.42
Stores	159,530.75
Accounts receivable	113,595.55
M.P. & I. Ry. Co.	169,166.07
Cash in bank and in hand	32,931.23
	$ 475,223.60
Fire insurance fund investments	206,000.00
	$10,405,721.02