

tons, as compared with 1,936,674 tons in 1916. Gross earnings were \$30,237,664, as against \$27,416,285 in 1916, and operating expenses were \$20,098,634, against \$18,099,906 in 1916. These and other particulars, with comparative figures, are set out in Tables 20-24. The number of employees in the service of electric railways on June 30, 1917, was 11,696, as compared with 10,622 in 1916. The total salaries and wages for the year 1917 were \$9,451,685, as against \$8,767,734 in 1916. The total mileage of electric railways computed as single track in 1917 was 2,278, as compared with 2,192 in 1916.

20.—Electric Railway Statistics, 1901-1917.

Year.	Miles in Operation.	Total Car Mileage.	Passengers.	Freight.	Gross Earnings.	Working Expenses.	Ratio of expenses to receipts
	No.	No.	No.	Tons.	\$	\$	p.c.
1901...	674.58	31,750,754	120,934,656	287,926	5,768,283	3,435,162	59.55
1902...	557.59	35,833,841	135,681,402	266,182	6,486,438	3,802,855	58.63
1903...	759.36	38,028,529	155,662,812	371,286	7,233,677	4,472,858	61.83
1904...	766.50	42,066,124	181,689,998	400,161	8,453,609	5,326,516	63.01
1905...	793.12	45,959,101	203,467,217	510,350	9,357,125	5,918,194	63.25
1906...	813.74	50,618,836	237,655,074	506,024	10,966,871	6,675,037	60.87
1907...	814.52	53,361,227	273,999,404	479,731	12,630,430	7,373,251	58.38
1908...	992.03	56,964,881	299,099,309	732,475	14,007,049	8,695,880	62.08
1909...	988.97	60,152,846	314,026,671	-	14,611,484	8,885,235	60.81
1910...	1,047.07	65,249,166	360,964,876	852,294	17,100,789	10,121,781	59.19
1911...	1,223.73	72,618,806	426,296,792	1,228,362	20,356,952	12,096,134	59.42
1912...	1,308.17	82,070,064	488,865,682	1,435,525	23,499,250	14,266,675	60.71
1913...	1,356.63	89,005,216	597,863,801	1,957,930	23,216,111	17,765,372	62.96
1914...	1,560.82	98,917,808	614,709,819	1,845,923	29,691,007	19,107,818	64.36
1915...	1,590.29	96,964,829	562,302,373	1,433,602	26,922,900	18,131,842	67.35
1916...	1,673.77	82,516,612	580,094,167	1,936,674	27,416,285	18,099,906	66.02
1917...	1,743.54	84,073,046	629,441,997	2,333,539	30,237,664	20,098,634	66.47

21.—Mileage and Equipment of Electric Railways, 1915-1917.

Mileage.	1915.	1916.	1917.	Cars.	1915.	1916.	1917.
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
Length of first main track...	1,590.29	1,673.77	1,743.54	Passenger cars, closed.....	2,447	1,986	2,041
Length of second main track.....	348.88	333.48	345.72	Passenger cars, open.....	824	513	447
Total length of main track...	1,939.17	2,007.25	2,089.26	Passenger cars, combination.	792	765	628
Length of sidings and turn-outs.....	163.78	184.79	188.70	Freight cars...	693	658	621
Total, computed as single track.....	2,102.95	2,192.04	2,277.96	Mail, express & baggage cars.	40	42	49
				Combination, freight.....	23	13	16
				Work cars.....	216	197	198
				Snow ploughs..	58	45	48
				Sweepers.....	127	102	99
				Miscellaneous..	109	121	148