continued to increase since the low point reached in 1933, and very marked increases were shown from 1940 to 1945. The ratio of expenses to receipts rose from a low of less than 63 p.c. in 1942 to almost 99 p.c. in 1948.

19.—Financial Statistics of Electric Railways, 1939-48

Note.--Figures for 1901-38 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1926 edition.

Year	Capital Liabilit Stocks Funded Debt		y Total	Investment in Road and Equip- ment	Gross Earnings	Operating Expenses	Ratio of Ex- penses to Re-	Em- ployees	Salaries and Wages
	\$		\$	\$	\$		ceipts p.c.	No.	
1940 1941 1942 1943 1944	38,786,423 37,665,091 37,616,432 37,492,392 37,540,432	161,396,724 155,867,823 151,523,248 147,433,845 142,364,766	200, 183, 147 193, 532, 914 189, 139, 680 184, 926, 237 179, 905, 198	198, 481, 728 203, 869, 891 201, 279, 871 205, 989, 595 204, 586, 208 202, 666, 204 205, 026, 475	47,311,009 55,334,647 69,034,130 80,027,414 84,730,173	32,624,012 37,030,823 43,473,516 54,548,335 58,202,151	$ \begin{array}{r} 69.07\\ 68.96\\ 66.92\\ 62.97\\ 68.16\\ 68.69\\ 72.56\\ \end{array} $	14,204 14,801 16,051 17,896 19,034	19,716,985 20,649,358 23,193,704 27,923,343 33,975,281 36,845,152 39,364,771
1946 1947	$35,656,763^1$ 33,915,932	132,042,089 138,246,540	167, 698, 852 172, 162, 472	203, 537, 797 218, 439, 361 217, 385, 299	87,515,721 86,519,712	75,550,821 81,787,723	$86.33 \\ 94.53 \\ 98.56$	21,700	55,304,771 45,675,363 50,117,441 55,268,083

¹ Mainly reduction, \$1,602,500 stock Hamilton Street Railway.

Traffic.—The passenger mileage travelled by electric cars in 1948 amounted to 110,797,890, by trackless trolley-buses 12,335,969 and by motor-buses 59,809,850. The number of passengers carried by electric railways in the years since 1939 showed an especially sharp rise over previous years due to improved conditions, and the curtailment of passenger automobile traffic during the War. The 1,344,916,773 passengers carried in 1946 was by far the greatest traffic ever handled by these systems; the number was slightly lower in 1947 and in 1948.

20.—Statistics of Electric Railway Operations, 1939-48

Nore.—Figures for 1901-38 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1933 edition.

	Miles of Road		Electric C	ar and Bus M	Fare		
Year	Total	With Double Track	Passenger	Other	Total	Passengers Carried ¹	Freight Carried ¹
	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	No.	tons
1939 1940 1941 1942 1943	1,083 · 49 1,040 · 04 1,028 · 24 1,017 · 24 1,019 · 29	508 · 56 495 · 64 491 · 43 488 · 01 487 · 91	$\begin{array}{c} 121,528,380\\ 125,886,523\\ 134,832,228\\ 152,518,129\\ 164,050,357 \end{array}$	2,287,878 2,367,910 2,746,314 2,852,757 2,773,462	$\begin{array}{r} 123,816,258\\ 128,254,433\\ 137,578,542\\ 155,370,886\\ 166,823,819 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 632,533,152\\691,737,901\\795,170,569\\996,208,535\\1,177,003,883\end{array}$	2,313,748 2,599,007 3,265,449 3,711,468 3,751,785
1944 1945 1946 1947 1948	1,019.691,015.541,004.44895.25778.92	490 · 17 488 · 30 485 · 06 436 · 95 391 · 78	$\begin{array}{c} 169,421,343\\ 175,498,520\\ 177,256,084\\ 180,204,812\\ 182,943,709 \end{array}$	2,756,755 2,777,976 2,822,300 2,808,252 3,038,989	$\begin{array}{c} 172,178,098\\ 178,276,496\\ 180,078,384\\ 183,013,064\\ 185,982,698 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1,249,707,399\\ 1,316,571,540\\ 1,344,916,773\\ 1,323,723,782\\ 1,309,565,795 \end{array}$	3,769,959 3,639,989 3,506,805 3,655,278 4,050,111

¹ Including passengers and freight carried on buses and trackless trolley-buses operated by electric railways.