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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS,

Washington, D. C., September 1, 1904.

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report on the street and electric railways of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1902. This report has been prepared in the Bureau of the Census under the supervision of Mr. W. M. Steuart, chief statistician for manufactures, in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the act of Congress of March 6, 1902.

The data were collected by the regular force of the office, the fieldwork being started on October 25, 1902. The results of the investigation were published on June 5, 1903, as Census Bulletin No. 3. Each railway company was called upon by a representative of the office, and all made returns, with the exception of a few named in the report.

The inquiries concerning the financial operations of street and electric railway companies were in conformity with a schedule devised by the Street Railway Accountants' Association of America. As a rule, the information called for in this schedule could be obtained from the books of the different companies, but in a few cases it was necessary to make estimates. The inquiries concerning the physical equipment of the roads were formulated after a conference with street railway officials and others familiar with the requirements of the industry. It is believed that they have resulted in securing information which is of particular interest. The statistics were tabulated, the results summarized, and the final tables prepared by the official clerical force. The text of the report has been prepared by Mr. T. Commerford Martin, of New York city, and Mr. E. Dana Durand, of the Bureau of Corporations of this Department, working in collaboration.

Very respectfully,



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