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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS,
Washington, D. C., April 21, 1910.

SIR:

The act of Congress of June 7, 1906, amendatory of section 7 of the act approved March 6, 1902, provides that statistics concerning street railways shall be collected by the Bureau of the Census at quinquennial periods. I have the honor to submit herewith the first report prepared in conformity with the requirements of this law.

The universal adoption of electricity as a motive power for street railways and the extension of these railways into rural districts make it impracticable to separate the statistics of street railways from those for the interurban railways. Therefore this report, like the report for the year ending June 30, 1902, covers all railways using electrical energy as motive power. In order to preserve the comparability of the data, the same form of schedule was used to collect statistics at both censuses, and practically the same form of presenting the data has been followed in both reports. The inquiries concerning the financial operations of the companies were in conformity with a scheme which was devised by the American Street and Interurban Railway Accountants' Association, and which has been generally adopted by the railways of the country.

The statistics were collected and the report prepared under the supervision of Mr. William M. Steuart, chief statistician for manufactures. Mr. T. Commerford Martin, of New York City, was the consulting expert special agent of the office and prepared the portion of the report dealing with the technical features of the industry. Acknowledgment should also be made of the services of Mr. William A. Hathaway, who prepared the analytical tables and verified the text.

Very respectfully,

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