## "We Are Partners"

## (Number 8)

CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL CONDITIONS ARE COMMON TO ALL STREET RAILWAY UTILITIES.

Local conditions vary in many respects, chief of which are 1-Relation of population to city area;
-Relation of track mileage to population and area
3-Relation of car-miles to number of passengers carried
4-Topography of city as influencing riding habit;
5-Degree of industrial activity;
6-Public charges on street railway;
7 -Standards of wages and working conditions;
8-Cost of materials and supplies required to maintain and increase facilities.
All of these and many other local factors must be considered in arriving at the cost of the unit of transportation in any city, and the cost is directly affected by the favorable or unfavorable local conditions.

MANY CITIES ARE FACING CONDITIONS MORE OR LESS SIMILAR TO THOSE CONFRONTING THE PEOPLE, THE EMPLOYES AND THE INVESTORS IN STREET RAILWAYS IN PORTLAND.
Fare increases have, this year, been allowed at a number of places, a portion of them being-
Sixteen cities in Massachusetts, including Boston;
Lexington, Kentucky
Manchester \& Dover Street Railway Co., of New Hampshire;
New Jersey \& Pennsylvania Traction Co., of New Jersey;
New York \& Harlem Railway Co., of New York;
Duluth Street Railway Co., of Wisconsin
Chicago \& Joliet Railway Co., of Illinois.

APPLICATIONS FOR FARE INCREASES ARE NOW PENDING BEFORE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONS IN MANY STATES, INCLUDING-

Twenty-eight companies in the State of New York; Kansas City, Mo., and every other street railway operating in that state; Seattle, Salt Lake City, Waterbury, Conn., Dover, N. H., and Pottsville, Oil City and Franklin, Pa.

The applications in every case are based upon increasing costs of operation. The companies are not looking for "war profits." They ask consideration of conditions entirely beyond their control that make impossible the continuance of adequate service within present limits of revenue.

We have about all the problems confronting other street railways and some peculiar to ourselves.

NONE OF THE OTHER COMPANIES NOW SEEKING RELIEF AND NONE OF THE COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN ALLOWED HIGHER FARES IS PAYING AS HIGH WAGES AS WE DO IN PORTLAND, AND THEY ARE ALL ON A TEN-HOUR OR MORE BASIS.

We believe the people of Portland, the employes of and the investors in our company are a unit in their desire that men engaged in Public Service shall have wages and working conditions fairly comparable to those prevailing in private industry.

All of this costs money, however, and-
THE NICKEL CAN NO LONGER CARRY THE LOAD.

## Portland Railway, Light and Power Company

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