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## Surrendering Franchises

Over the matter of surrendering franchises, tendered to the City Council for its consideration, there has been considerable comment. Many of these franchises have been handed down from the days when there were several companies in the field and the proposed lines paralleled each other with a single block intervening.

To run streetcar lines a block apart in residence districts would be the height of folly.
No company could give good service, for the financial support would be lacking and it would necessarily result in infrequent and unsatisfactory service
In submitting the franchises which the Company offers to surrender, it has picked out those which, if in operation, would detract from a harmonious service and those where the people are already amply served.

Any one of these franchises can be canceled by the City Council at any time.

There is no dispute over paving on streets never occupied by the railway. There is a difference of opinion, however, on streets once occupied and where the tracks have been torn up. The Company holds to the view that it is unfair to tax it for paving on streets not occupied and where service now exists near by, on another street.

Those streets where the tracks have been torn up, and since doing so the streets have been paved, are very few in number.

The franchises on the streets involved were given years ago at a time when the people, knowing that the future was full of doubt as to its awards, sought the investment of capital, and no one then imagined that such a contingency as has now arisen was hidden in the franchises.

However, the request has been submitted in the belief that the people of Portland wish to do the fair thing.

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