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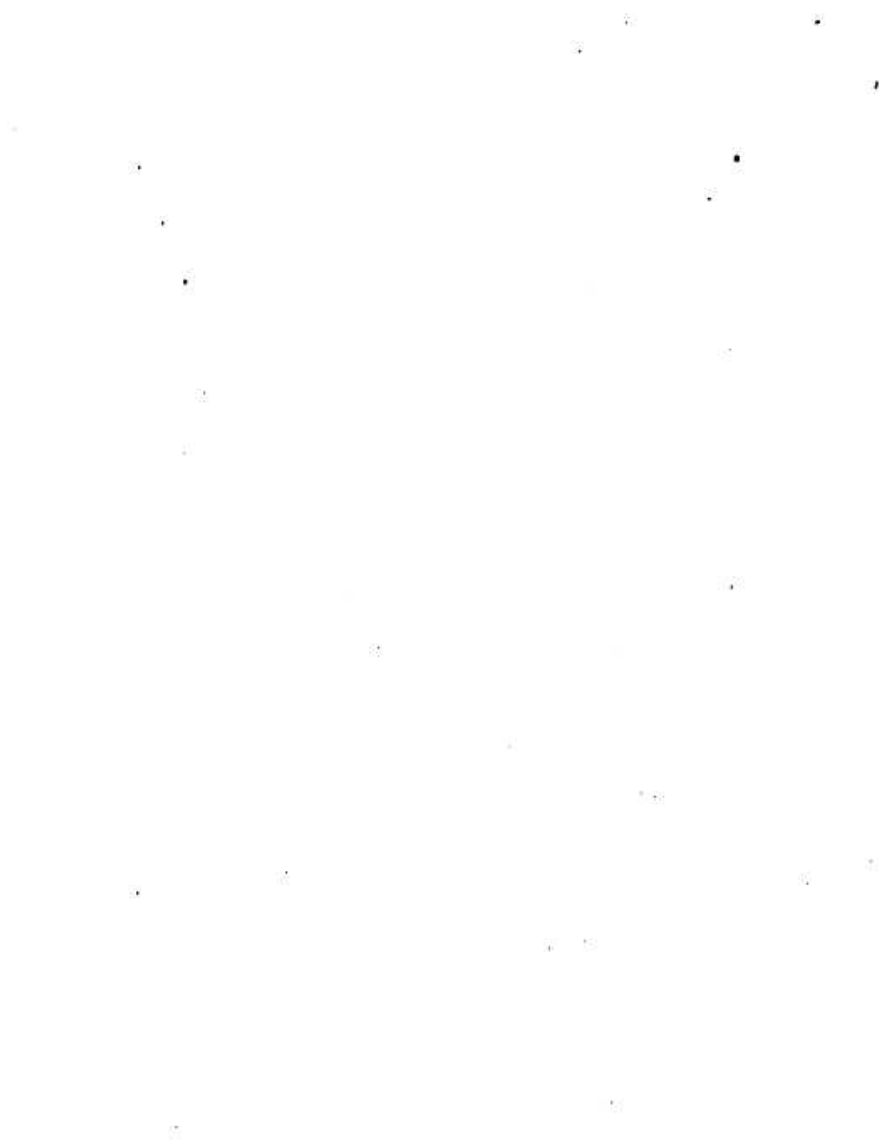
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CHARLES A. COON,	DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.
WILLIAM A. OWENS,	MESSENGER.

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SEVENTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

STATE OF WISCONSIN.

Office of Railroad Commissioner.

MADISON, WISCONSIN, December, 1896.

HON. W. H. UPHAM,

Governor of Wisconsin:

In compliance with law, the Railroad Commissioner herewith submits his biennial report for the years ending June 30, 1895, and June 30, 1896, being the seventh biennial report of this department. Following the custom of his predecessors for many years, the report has been tabulated from the returns made by the railroad companies. These returns are uniform in most of the states of the union where there are railroad commissioners, and are patterned after the reports required by the inter-state commerce commission. Attempts to make compilations from them or to condense the matter contained lead to confusion and cause dissatisfaction to the people who have most frequent occasion to use them for reference. The additional expense of publishing the complete reports would not be large, and if any returns are warranted by the public demand for them, it would seem the part of wisdom to have them complete. The repeated recommendation from this office for such amendment of the law as is necessary to accomplish this result is, therefore, respectfully renewed.

General Report.

MILEAGE.

The panic period in the business of the state has naturally restricted the extension of railway enterprises. On June 30, 1894, the total mileage of roads within the state reported to the railroad commissioner was 6,003.68. On June 30, 1896, the total mileage reported was 6,279.46, being an increase of 275.78 miles, of which 179.98 is returned by Wisconsin Central Lines.

New companies reported during the last biennial period are the Big Falls Railway Co., with 15 miles, and the Mattoon Railway Co., with 9.51 miles.

Since the last report of this office the Goodyear, Neillsville & Northern Railway Co. has taken up its tracks and the corporation has been dissolved.

On February 11, 1896, the Port Edwards, Centralia & Northern Railway was sold under foreclosure of bondholders and the company has gone out of existence. The Marshfield & Southeastern Railway Co. was organized February 20, 1896, and purchased the property and has been operating the same since that time.

During the latter part of this year, the Chicago, Fairchild & Eau Claire River Railroad Co. changed its corporate name to the Fairchild & Northeastern Railway Co.

The Wisconsin Central Lines, the Minnesota & Wisconsin Railroad and the Kickapoo Valley & Northern Railway are still operated by receivers, as they have been since 1893. The Milwaukee & Wauwatosa line has passed into a receiver's hands, and a plan is now being carried out looking to its operation as an electric line.

The following data is taken from the reports of the several roads and pertains to mileage in Wisconsin on June 30th, 1896.

Capital Stock.....	\$106,157,479 40
Funded debt.....	153,445,697 89
Unfunded debt.....	3,300,006 22
Total.....	<u>\$262,903,183 51</u>

General Report.

Dividends declared on stock	\$2,686,151 60
Total cost of construction.....	\$191,303,303 83

EARNINGS.

Passenger.....	\$8,540,456 51
Freight	24,477,899 79
Other	557,614 67
Total	\$33,575,970 97

EXPENSES.

For maintenance of ways and structures.....	\$4,617,347 35
For equipment	3,383,445 78
For transportation	10,316,240 08
For general expenditures	1,673,576 78
Total	\$19,990,609 99
Earnings by operation.....	\$33,575,970 97
Less expense of operation.....	19,990,609 99
Income from operation	\$13,585,360 98
From this amount is deducted various items of other ex- penses leaving the net income as reported at.....	\$6,104,241 89
If from this we deduct the deficit as reported.....	619,826 18
We have as the net income of Wisconsin mileage.....	\$5,484,415 71

STATE INCOME FROM RAILWAY COMPANIES.

The business depression general throughout the country has seriously reduced the gross earnings of railway companies, and has caused a large falling off in the amounts received by the state as license fees or taxes. The amounts received from this source during the last five years are as follows :

1892	\$1,220,674 88
1893	1,373,950 47
1894	1,295,999 13
1895	1,174,970 83
1896	1,231,488 78