
* "The Royal Blue Line." *

The Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railway Inter-Urban System.

Five Months of Energy

Have Revolutionized Rapid Transit Conditions Along the North Shore, Bringing into Close Communication Seven Prosperous, Beautiful and Growing Suburban Cities and Towns and will Connect Eight Additional Suburban Towns by Early Next Summer.

The five months just past have witnessed the partial completion and assured success of the most extensive and far reaching rapid-transit proposition; whose ultimate result will be to bring into community of interest the entire range of North Shore suburbs from

ORGANIZATION AND CONSTRUCTION.

The present company was incorporated in May last for the purpose of purchasing the properties and franchises of the Bluff City Electric Railway company, and to complete and operate the line from Waukegan to Evanston.

In 1896 the Bluff City company built and operated a street railway line from Waukegan to North Chicago, acquiring also certain other rights of way and franchises which passed into the hands of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railway Company in May last. The new company began at once active construction in the extension of the road toward Evanston, and have already complete and in successful operation, eighteen miles of single track line, extending from the northern limits of Waukegan to the southern limits of

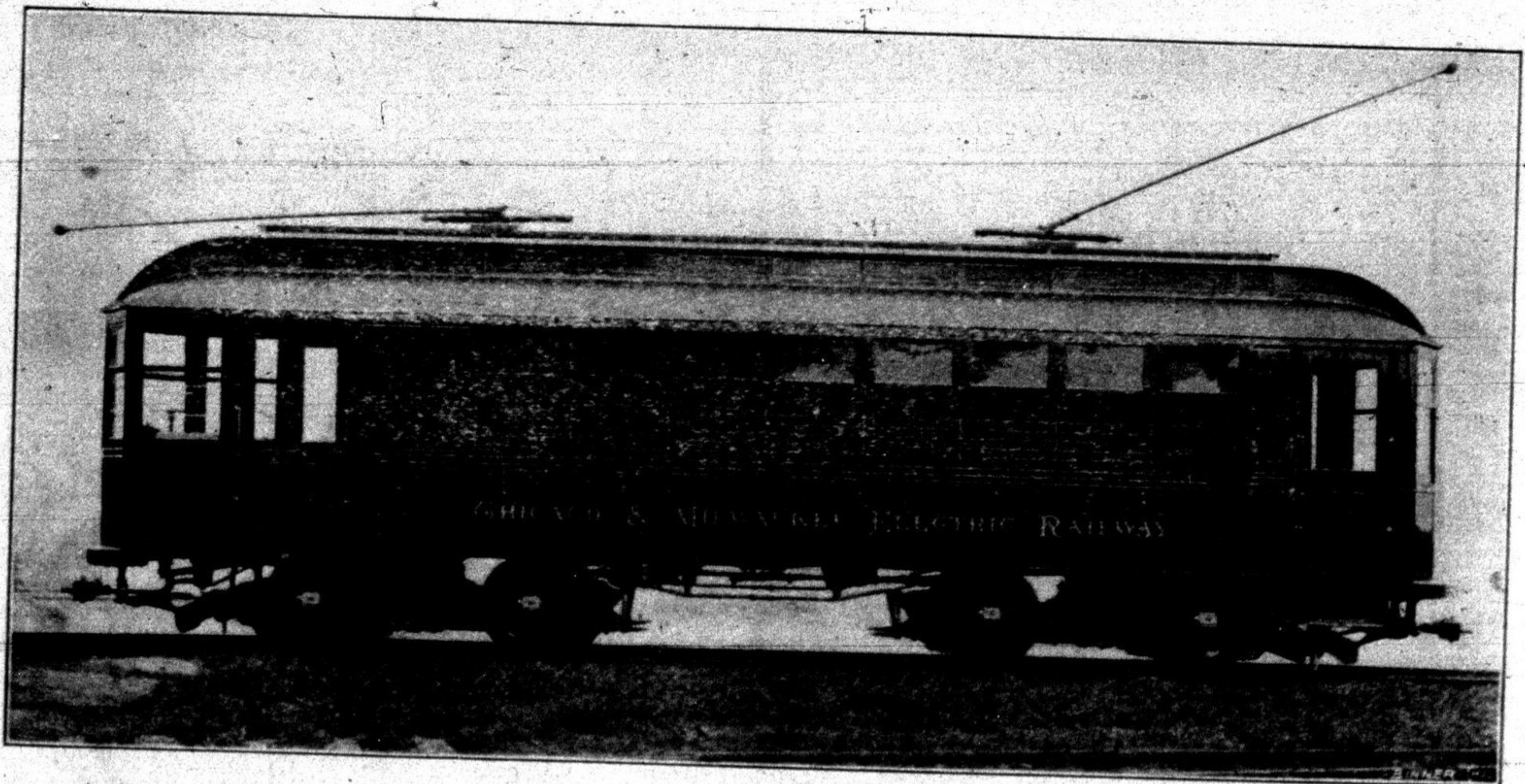
heavy steel upon a perfect road bed, and equipped with large and first-class double truck passenger coaches, having each two 50 H. P. motors, capable of maintaining a speed of from 30 to 40 miles per hour. The electric system adopted is particularly commendable and the road bed, generating, transforming and distributing apparatus represent the highest type of electric railway engineering of the day.

"THE ROYAL BLUE LINE."

Between Highland Park and Waukegan the company has now in service eighteen cars, taking care of the ordinary present traffic with from eight to ten motor cars. All the coaches are, and will be painted a royal blue, with gold lettering and ornamentation, and the system will be known under the euphonious and appropriate title of "The Royal Blue Line."

POWER AND TRANSMISSION.

The main power plant is located upon a five-acre tract of land in the village of Fort Sheridan, between Waukegan ave. and the C.



Evanston to Waukegan inclusive. The Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railway Company's project cannot fail to prove a source of permanent and profitable investment to its promoters, and while so doing will appreciate the value of every lot and acre along the north shore; to say nothing of the conveniences and facilities afforded to the thousands of residents along its lines.

Highland Park. This company propose to double-track this portion of the line next summer to make it uniform with the extension of the road from Highland Park to Evanston, upon which construction will commence very shortly. The entire system is to represent the highest type of standard double track inter-urban construction; laid with

& N. W. R'y. The accompanying illustrations were made during the construction of the road and the electrical generating machinery is temporary only, and will be replaced soon by large special machinery built by the General Electric company for this plant. The power house is equipped with water-tube boilers, tandem compound-condensing engines and