

NINE B. R. T. LINES MUST STAY CLOSED, U. S. COURT ORDERS

Injunction Issued by Mayer
Restrains P. S. C. From
Ordering Their Operation.

Judge Julius M. Mayer today issued a temporary injunction on the Public Service Commission restraining it from taking any steps against Lindley M. Garrison, Receiver of the B. R. T., in an effort to make him order the resumption of service on the nine Brooklyn trolley lines which have not been in service since the recent strike, and on which Mr. Garrison last week received permission to discontinue all service.

Hearing on the temporary injunction will be held on Nov. 1. The nine lines in question are those on Ocean, Rogers, Park, Seventh, Ralph, Church, Metropolitan and Wyckoff Avenues and on 29th Street, Coney Island.

A week ago the Public Service Commission announced that it would make an attempt to have service on those lines resumed. In his last appearance before Judge Mayer he explained that the lines in question were running into an annual deficit of \$200,000, and he asked permission to stop service. He said the only alternative, in view of the deficit, was to discontinue all B. R. T. service.

In Judge Mayer's injunction it was stipulated that the Public Service could start a court action to compel resumption only in a United States court, and not in the State Supreme Court.

INFANT BUREAU OF 1917 GROWN UP TO MATURITY, COST \$6,503,394 IN 1921

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paid for by an issue of corporate stock.
The proposed budget for 1921 shows that there are 1,212 employees in the

Department of Plant and Structures, an increase in four years of 358 employees. This is an increase in working force of a little more than 32 per cent.

But the total appropriation for the Department of Plant and Structures has jumped from \$1,513,373 in 1917 to \$6,503,394 in 1921, an increase of 320 per cent.

And the appropriation for personal service—salaries and wages—has jumped from \$1,246,066 in 1917 to \$4,894,999 in 1921, an increase of 370 per cent.

The total cost of the Department of Plant and Structures in 1921 will be about three and one-fifth times what it was in 1917 and the personal service cost—salaries and wages—will be in excess of three and one-half times what it was in 1917.

HOW THE INFANT BECAME A MONSTER.

In 1917 the ambitious young Department of Plant and Structures got away with an administration force consisting of one commissioner, one deputy commissioner, one secretary to the commissioner, one examiner and one confidential examiner—five in all, costing \$25,320.

There were six clerks and stenographers and one messenger in the executive offices and eighteen clerks and stenographers in the audits and accounts offices, a total of twenty-five on the administrative staff, costing \$23,930. The total cost of the administrative office in salaries was \$29,250.

In 1921 the administration force will consist of one commissioner, three deputy commissioners, one secretary to the commissioner, one assistant secretary to the department, and one examiner. The number of adminis-

trative officials has increased by only one person, but the cost has jumped from \$29,250 to \$246,540.

In the 1921 budget the clerical forces in the executive and the audits and accounts offices are grouped. The 1921 budget provides for a staff of seventy clerks and stenographers and four messengers. An increase of forty-nine in personnel in four years. The cost of the clerks, stenographers and messengers in 1921 will be \$174,169, against an outlay of \$33,940 in 1917. The total cost of the administrative executive force will be \$219,709, as against a cost of \$59,260 in 1917.

In 1917 the purchase and storage of supplies was attended to by one clerk, and two storekeepers at a cost in salaries of \$1,660. The Department of Storage and Supplies in 1921 will have a staff of two storekeepers and twelve assistants at a cost of \$23,476. These two minor items exemplify how our child has grown.

Also the whole article illustrates that when it comes to a proposition

of probably inaugurating something always invariably tell how it is going that stands for common sense, common to everyone.

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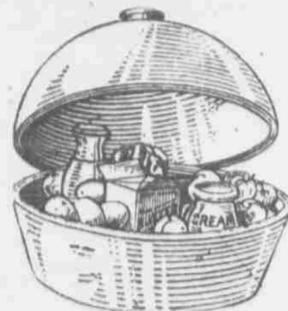
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