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TRANSIT TRUTHS

by Gerhard M. Dahl, Chairman
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The Electric Railroaders' Association is once again proud to offer its members a copy of Transit Truths by Gerhard M. Dahl, Chairman of the B-MT Corporation. On March 15, 1923 the rapid transit and surface networks of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company were reorganized into the B-MT. Immediately, there were complaints about the quality of their service and the equipment used to provide it. Spearheading these complaints was the current Mayor of the City of New York, Michael Hyland. Along with the Mayor and his office, the Board of Transportation (a municipal agency) sought to criticize private ownership and operation.

The top management of the B-MT Corporation attempted to explain the predicament they were involved. Rapid transit lines were built by the City of New York and were leased either to the Interborough Rapid Transit Company or the B-MT Corporation. The private operators simply ran these routes for the City. The City, in turn, did not want to spend a lot of money improving public transportation for the public. Thus, the private operators were forced to simply run what was given to them in the best way they knew to get the best possible profit.

These criticism were on-going and early in 1924, the B-MT Corporation published an 117 page book, Transit Truths which explained the position of the firm, the causes of these troubles and the solutions offered by the Corporation.

Today, students of public transportation marvel at the transit conditions at the time. Mr. Dahl offers suggestions that the City construct new subway lines and upgrade existing elevated and surface routes. He proposed new lines in 1924 that eventually became part of the City-owned Independent Subway System (the Central Park West extension to Washington Heights), the Nassau Street connector (which actually became part of the B-MT subway as well as the completion of a connection of the 14th Street-Eastern District subway with the Canarsie line.

This book is jammed packed with very interesting facts and the view presented by Chairman Dahl differs from Board of Transportation Commissioner Delaney and Mayor Hyland. Certainly, every serious student of public transit in New York will want a copy of the publication in their personal libraries. We offer the book for \$30 for shipment anywhere in the United States or \$37 for Canada and all other countries. Don't be disappointed; please fill out the coupon below and send it to us along with your check or money order. No cash, please.

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