The Electric Railway and Light Commissioners was established under an Act of the Legislature of Ontario, assented to on the 16th of April, 1895, Chapter 73 of 57 Victoria and the passing of By-Law 447, dated December 16, 1895 of the Town of Port Arthur. The commissioners controlled the maintenance and operation of the Electric Railway and Lighting Systems for the Town. In addition to these systems, under Section 16, Chapter 76 of 3 Edward VII and the passing of By-Law 819, dated January 8, 1906, the Telephone System of the Town was also placed under the control of the commissioners. After public consultation in the form of a plebiscite and the passing of By-Law 436, on May 4, 1910, the Commission was abolished and a Public Utilities Commissioner was to be appointed in its place.

The series consists of minutes relating to the maintenance and operation of the Electric Railway, Light and Telephone Systems.

The Electric, Railway, Light and Telephone Commissioners were previously known as the Electric Railway and Light Commissioners.

Minutes are not available for the period 1905 – 9 Apr. 1908.

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Further accruals are not anticipated.