



Pacific Electric Railway Company, Torrance Shops

Pioneer Torrance Industry

- One of the three major industries first to locate in Torrance was the Pacific Electric Railway Company.
- In addition to the construction of its general shops and stores department, the company made a further substantial investment by assisting its employees in financing the building of their homes.
- As a pioneer Torrance industry and one which has been keenly interested in the city's development from its earliest history, Pacific Electric Railway Company joins wholeheartedly in the observance of the community's 25th birthday.

Interesting Facts

with reference to this company:—
 Mileage of system (single track miles), 1111.91; incorporated cities served, 56; average number passengers annually, 80,635,077; number of freight carloads interchanged with other railways during 1931, 47,567; railway car equipment owned—passenger cars 804, electric locomotives 52, freight cars 2,265, express cars 35, motor coaches operated 236, total 3,392; number of trains daily from various termini of system, 5,302; number of trains daily in and out of Los Angeles, 1,956; average daily passenger car mileage, 62,832 (or equivalent to one car going two and one-half times around the globe each day); number of motor coach trips daily in and out of various termini, 2,354; daily motor coach mileage, 10,883; number of power substations in system, 56; kilowatt capacity, 70,405; total mileage of electric power transmission and feeder lines, 1,725; approximate investment in operative safety appliances, \$1,687,086; mechanical department—main general shops, Torrance, Cal.; subsidiary shops, 4 (West Hollywood, Macy St., L. A., San Bernardino and Butte St., L. A.); car houses and garages, 14; inspection points for minor repairs and inspection, 6; investment in shops, not including land, \$1,613,803.76; investment in shop machinery and tools, \$373,001.22; number of employees, 4,245; annual payroll approx. \$9,000,000; maintenance of way and structures (this expense being for keeping tracks, overhead bridges, stations, etc., in proper condition, \$1,356,135.55; maintenance of equipment, 1931, \$1,567,975.17; paving and repair work upon streets in cities, 1931, (not including track repairs), \$90,710.79.

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