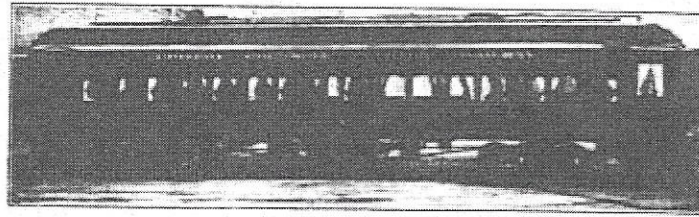


Royal Car on the British Columbia Electric Railway. **Electric Railway Right of Way at Highway Crossings.**

In connection with the recent visit of the Duke of Connaught to the Pacific coast the B.C. Electric Ry. was requested to arrange for the transportation of the royal party from Vancouver to New Westmin-

A point of considerable importance to electric railways was decided on Oct. 4, in a suit brought by S. Brundage against the Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore Rapid Ry. to recover \$5,000 as damages for personal



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ster. In order to meet the demands fittingly, the company decided to specially equip one of its cars, and this work was handsomely done in its shops. The accompanying illustration shows the exterior and interior of the car which was one of the regular cars built for the company's Fraser river division. The interior fittings were entirely taken out and re-arrangement made in parlor car style throughout. The interior trimmings were of rich green and cream, the company's colors, relieved by light silk curtains at the windows, the carpeting being green and the chairs and lounges richly upholstered in green plush. The car was equipped with frosted lights, and as a portion of the run was in the evening, luminous electric radiators provided heating. The exterior of the car was painted in green and cream, the name, Connaught, and the royal coat of arms appearing on either side.

injuries, loss of two horses killed and damages to wagon and harness, which occurred on June 30, 1911, at a highway crossing on that company's line.

The company produced witnesses who testified that the highway crossing signal whistle had been sounded by the motorman on approaching the crossing, and it was contended that the plaintiff was asleep and in no condition to heed warning signals. The jury of 12 farmers gave a verdict in the company's favor, costs to be paid by plaintiff.

This decision is of great importance to all railway companies, as it apparently establishes the fact that if a car or train is operated in accordance with the regulations enacted by the Board of Railway Commissioners, railway companies are not liable to damages resulting from accidents at highway crossings.

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