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HISTORY
OF
CHICAGO NORTH SHORE
AND
MILWAUKEE RAILROAD COMPANY

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FOREWORD

This history presents the accomplishments and background of the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad Company which operates the electric interurban railway, and its branches, between Chicago, Milwaukee and Mundelein, and Lake Bluff and Mundelein.

The railroad, located in a territory of keenest competition, developed into the best known and most widely discussed electric interurban railroad in the world.

Your contemplation of the results achieved by those interested in the North Shore Line may suggest some constructive criticism, but you will surely have a strong feeling of admiration for the courage and enterprise of those who planned and completed this exceptionally fine electric interurban railroad.

The receivership commenced in 1908 was terminated in 1916. In the years following, under Samuel Insull's management by able, experienced railroad executives, the North Shore Line enjoyed its most phenomenal growth.

The colonization of the beautiful Skokie Valley residential district, thru which the high speed branch of the railroad was built, was delayed by the depressed business outlook which has prevailed in varying degrees since 1929. This slow development and the general curtailment of traffic resulted in the appointment of Receivers for the Road in 1932.

The North Shore Line has seen hard times before now, and problems, greater than those of 1938, have been well solved. Its future is in the hands of the loyal men and women of the North Shore Line, and their mettle assures the continuance of the Railroad's long established courteous service to the residents of the many beautiful villages, towns and cities in its territory.

You, who know the Railroad and its splendid spirit, understand my confidence.

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