



The Commission retained only 2766, the last car to have operated, for limited charter service. But in 1973, the TTC inaugurated its "Belt Line Tour Tram" service, and car 2766 was joined by 2894 (leased from the Ontario Rail Association) and the next year by 2424 (leased from the Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association).

Although this summer operation has been discontinued, the 3 cars are still used on charters and "Trolley Tours" as required.

A number of other Witts have been preserved, some operational; and some "bodies" have been reclaimed from the landscape to be restored as operating vehicles. The first car (2300) is preserved and displayed by the Canadian RR Historical Association. Others are: 2778 (N. Ohio Museum), 2786 and 2890 (OERHA), 2898 (BERA) and 2984 (OERHA).

Condensed Roster

FLEET NUMBERS	CLASS		BUILDER & DATE	REMARKS
	1921	1923		
MOTOR CARS (EVEN NUMBERS)				
2300 — 2498	A	K	CC & F Aug. — Oct/21	Large Witt; 2300-2478 to 1 man; 2450-2478 back to 2 man
2500 — 2578	B	L-1	CC & F Oct/21 — Jan/22	Large Witt
2580 — 2678	C	M	Cdn. Brill Jan. — May/22	Large Witt ("Brill")
2700 — 2798	E	P-1	CC & F Dec/22 — Jan/23	Small Witt; to 1 man
2800 — 2898	G	P-2	Ottawa May — Sept/23	Small Witt; to 1 man
2900 — 3018	H	L-2	CC & F June — Sept/23	Large Witt
TRAILERS (ODD NUMBERS)				
2301 — 2419	D	N	CC & F Oct. — Nov/21	2 door
2701 — 2899	F	Q	CC & F Feb. — Apr/23	3 door ("Harvey")
2901 — 3029	F	Q	CC & F Apr. — May/23	
Ordered:	1921	— A, B, C, D		
	1922	— E, F (1st 100), G		
	1923	— F (2nd 65), H		



THE WITT CAR
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When the Toronto Transportation Commission was formed in 1920, its immediate task was to both integrate and rehabilitate the services and physical assets of the Toronto Railway Company, the Toronto Civic Railway, and the "city" portions of the lines of the Toronto and York Radial Railway.

The TCR had a small and relatively modern fleet of 70 double-end cars, which would prove very effective on light traffic and "stub end" routes for several years to come, as well as providing transitional services while routes were relaid and expanded. On the other hand the TCR's fleet of almost 900 cars ranged from antique open cars to relatively large double-truck cars, only a few years old but of wooden construction. The Commission and the City elected to accept only 830 TRC vehicles, of which only half (417) were considered acceptable vehicles, even though most required modernization.

Faced with the need for a large fleet of new vehicles to both maintain and expand service, at improved levels of comfort, speed and frequency, the Commission selected a design new to Canada — a front entrance, centre exit, "Play As You Pass" 2 man operated car of steel sheathed construction, large passenger capacity, and capable of hauling a trailer. The design had originated with Peter Witt, (the street railway Commissioner of Cleveland) in 1914, and had been built for major systems in the United States. For the TTC, the design was distinctively engineered and produced by Canadian Car and Foundry of Montreal.

Between April of 1921 and early 1923, the Commission ordered 575 cars — 350 motors and 225 trailers. However there were variations within the totals, as follows:

Motor Cars

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(Cdn. Westinghouse, Cdn. General Electric and English Electric shared in the motor and control contracts).

Trailers

60	Two Door	CC & F 1921	2 DOOR TRAILERS
165	Three door (design change by Asst. GM D.W. Harvey)	CC & F 1923	3 DOOR OR HARVEY TRAILERS

The vehicles were ordered and delivered as follows:

190	Large Witt		
60	2D Trailers	1921	Aug/21 — May/22
100	Small Witt		
100	3D Trailers	1922	Dec/22 — Sept/23
60	Large Witt		
65	3D Trailers	1923	April — Sept/23

Due to the introduction of 51 ft. long cars, 8½ ft. wide, much of the TRC narrow devil strip trackage had to be relaid to provide clearance, in addition to the majority of it requiring replacement due to age. Just as the Rolling Stock and Shops Department commissioned vehicles almost immediately from their unloading, so did the Way Department rebuild and relay over 53 miles of old track, replaced 80 intersections and built 57 miles of new track all within 3 years.

The first Witt cars entered service on the "Broadview" route on October 2, 1921, and by July 1, 1923, they were operating on 7 routes. Trailer operation commenced October 17, 1921 and was used on 5 of the 7 routes.

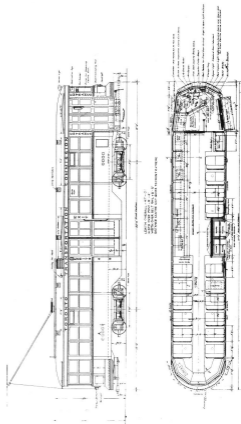
Over its 40 year service life with the TTC, the design underwent two major modifications, as well as many minor changes:

- Conversion of 90 of the Large Witts, and all of the Small Witts, to 1 man operation, with control changes and coupler removal (1933-1941). 15 cars were reconverted to 2 man in 1949.
- Modernization of all motor cars to provide electric heating, non-enclosed motorman's area, leather covered foam seat cushions and non-skid flooring. (1936-1947).

With the introduction of first the PCC cars, and then the subway routes, the Witt fleet slowly declined. Two-man cars and trailers, disappeared in 1953-55, followed by the Large Witt one-man cars in 1956-1961, and the Small Witts in 1962-1965, six of them having last operated on April 24, 1963.

Principal Specifications:

	1 man		
	Large Witt	Small Witt	Three Door Trailer
Length over anti-climber	51' 10"	47' 0"	47' 2"
Width over belt rail	8' 6"	8' 6"	8' 6"
Height — to top of roof	11' 1 1/2"	10' 8 1/2"	10' 4 1/4"
— to top of base	12' 0"	11' 7"	—
Truck Centres	26' 0"	22' 6"	26' 0"
Truck wheelbase	5' 10"	5' 4"	4' 2"
Wheel diameter	31"	26"	22"
Track Gauge	4' 10 1/4"	4' 10 1/4"	4' 10 1/4"
Minimum horizontal curve radius	36'	32'	30'
Minimum vertical curve radii — convex	350'	350'	350'
— concave	700'	700'	700'
Seating	58	51	60
Weight — Tare (W1)	50,000 lbs	39,700 lbs	26,800 lbs
— Normal (W4) (Service)	67,400 lbs (115 passgrs.)	55,750 lbs (106 passgrs.)	43,300 lbs (109 passgrs.)
— Crush (W5)	71,900 lbs (145 passgrs.)	60,100 lbs (135 passgrs.)	47,200 lbs (135 passgrs.)
Control	Single end	Single end	—
Motor rating	4 West. 533 TA 50 HP ea (1 hr)	4 West. 510A 35 HP ea (1 hr)	—
Performance:	(No load weighing; based on tare weight as 550 volts, level track)		
Time to speed	20 MPH/15 secs 25 MPH/30 secs 30 MPH/70 secs	20 MPH/12 secs 25 MPH/20 secs 30 MPH/42 secs	—
Braking rate: Service:	3.6 MPHPS	3.7 MPHPS	—
Emergency:	3.8 MPHPS	3.9 MPHPS	—



SMALL WITT (AS OF 1937)