



Official Opening of the Swindon Electric Tram System, 22nd September 1904

The Electric tram system inaugurated by Swindon Corporation was yesterday inspected by Col. Von Donop, R.E., and Mr. C. L. Trotter, electrical adviser to the Board of Trade, and the formal opening will take place on Thursday by the Mayor. The overhead system has been adopted, and the route extends to three and a half miles. An additional route has been sanctioned but not laid. The total cost is estimated at present at £37,000. Only seven cars have been obtained, but this number is certain to be increased very shortly.

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Swindon's trams have just been officially opened for the use of the public. The first ticket issued was procured for 1d., and at an auction later it was offered for sale, it being eventually purchased for 24s. This amount goes to the Swindon Victoria Hospital. The buyer was a town councillor.

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