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SOME CIVIC WORK AHEAD

Prince Rupert is piling on population at a good rate. In 1911 the census shows 5000. Since that time a very large amount of building has taken place. In order to understand this one has only to walk across Hays Creek and compare the number of buildings now seen with that of 1911. In spite of that fact every house and shack in town is occupied. New faces are seen almost daily on the streets, and very soon we can walk down Second and Third Avenues without being recognized. The cities' utilities must keep pace with that development. More population means that more light, more water and more telephones will be required. With the completion of the railroad in the early summer these demands are bound to be accelerated. In view of these facts the new bylaws about to be submitted by the city council are most timely. At the coming election the people will be asked to vote money for the extension of water, light and telephone facilities for the outlying districts such as Sections 2, 7 and 8, as

well as increased accommodation for Sections 5 and 6.

Perhaps the cynic will ask: Why pass a bylaw when we have not sold the debentures for the bylaws already passed? Well it takes several months to get a bylaw into legal shape, and why not have them ready. The money market will not always be as tight as it has been the last year. Even now there is a lifting of the clouds, and our debentures may sell at any moment.

Another bylaw proposed by the council is for the erection of a municipal building on city property in close proximity to the city hall. This building will be three storeys in height and fire proof. This is wise in view of the fact that a small fire in the present telephone building would cripple the whole system for some time to come. The building will accommodate the telephone, electric light department and police. Accommodation will also be provided for a library and reading room, while the present reading room will be turned into a publicity department. It seems hardly necessary to urge that these bylaws should be passed.

GIRDLING WHOLE WORLD WITH MARCONI WIRELESS STATIONS

WORK OF ERECTING MANY OF THE STATIONS IS ALREADY WELL UNDER WAY—TRANSMITTING STATIONS AT JUNEAU AND KETCHIKAN

The announcement that the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company contemplates a chain of sending and receiving stations which in the near future will encircle the world does not surprise those who have followed recent developments of wireless telegraphy.

It is an open secret that a girdle of stations is not only contemplated, but is already well on the way towards completion. Just a year ago the "Marconigraph" published particulars of an important scheme for the construction of high power stations which the American Marconi Company had adopted. This scheme comprised stations for bringing Great Britain and the United States into more direct communication, as well as stations for an American-Eastern circuit, which is destined eventually to reach the Philippines and Japan. The work of erection at many of the stations is far advanced and before very long we should witness the fulfilment of one of the most remarkable undertakings in the history of telegraphic communication.

The service intended for the transatlantic service will be near New York City, at Belmar, New Jersey. The Clifden-Glace Bay service, which since 1908 has been in regular continuous communication, has hitherto been the only one in existence affording direct wireless communication between the Eastern and Western hemispheres, but it will not long enjoy its splendid isolation. Two miles from New Brunswick lies the transmitting section of the wireless station which will bring the United States in direct communication with the United Kingdom. The power-house is now beginning to take shape, the foundations for the motor generators are well under way, and the steel girders and beams are being erected.

The receiving section of the New Jersey station is at Behuar, where, crossing the road at nearly right angles and stretching westward for almost a mile, the aerials will be carried on the top of the six masts, each 600 feet high. The Hawaiian station will be one of the most powerful of the group of stations which the American Marconi Company have in hand, and it will be capable of working with San Francisco and the Philippine Islands. The station will be duplex, that at Koko Head being used for receiving and that at Kahuku, 50 miles distant, being used for transmitting. At Koko Head five masts each 320 feet high and 1000 feet apart are being erected for carrying the San Francisco aerial; six other masts, each 450 feet high, are being erected for carrying the Yokohama aerial.

Stavanger, in Norway, will form another station in the chain. This scheme is of great national importance, because Norway's mercantile fleet ranks fourth in the world as regards tonnage. Norwegians have no direct cable with America. The site for the station near Stavanger, and also that for the receiving station at Naerbo, about 17 miles away, were chosen some time ago, and no time will be lost in beginning the construction work.

As Mr. Marconi announced at the recent annual meeting of the company, a concession has been granted by the Brazilian Republic for a period of 50 years, and a Brazilian company is now in process of formation for the purpose of erecting stations.

The American Marconi Company have in hand the erection of two long transmitting stations in Alaska—at Ketchikan and Juneau—and these are intended to be the first links of a chain to provide Alaska with a commercial wireless service connecting it with the United States. Everywhere stations are springing up, so that in the comparatively near future there will be not only a girdle of wireless round the world, but also a network to speak figuratively covering its surface.

PORTLAND CANAL TUNNELS.

The work of continuing the driving of the long bore is proceeding apace, an average of over 50 feet a week being accomplished. General Manager W. J. Elmendorf, who has been below for some weeks is shortly expected to return to inspect the work, which during his absence is in charge of L. C. White. The tunnel, which was started a year ago last October, is being driven 7x7 in the clear and is in a distance of some 2,600 feet. It is designed to be of sufficient size and capacity to amply fulfil the objects of its construction—viz., after encountering the fissured zone the accommodation of all probable future traffic, and the providing of drainage, ventilation, and the most economical means of development for all adjacent properties, including the holdings of the Tunnels Company, the Portland Canal Mining Co., Stewart Mining & Development Co., Glacier Creek Mining Co., Mt. Gladstone Mining Co. (owning the Portland group), the O. K. claim and the group of claims owned by the Pacific Coast Exploration Co.—Portland Canal Miner.

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The ladies of Stewart, with Miss Watts at the head, are busy making preparations for a Christmas tree which is to be given to the little ones of the district on Christmas Eve. The town has been canvassed for subscriptions by Mesdames Horstman and Fleming, and the sum collected speaks eloquently of the generosity of the contributors. The tree to be loaded to capacity, and some 22 children will be the recipients of presents. It is also proposed to invite the grown-ups to use the tree as a medium whereby they may give presents to their friends. Not one stone will be left unturned in the endeavor to make the evening one to be long remembered by the little ones, while their elders must necessarily derive infinite pleasure in watching their efforts to provide enjoyment for the youth of the community.—Portland Canal Miner.

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