

which has resulted in the citizens being supplied with the finest of water, clear and cold all the year, obtained from China Creek at a spot high in the mountains. This system, which is up to date in every particular, can provide for a population of 25,000 and was installed at a cost of \$130,000.

As well as water, the city boasts its own electric lighting system, which provides for light at a cost to the citizens the same as Vancouver and New Westminster, the lowest in British Columbia. No city in the interior can boast of such cheap rates, and it is not without a certain amount of justification that Port Alberni claims to be the most progressive city in British Columbia.

Most of the townsite has been cleared, and the roads graded. Sidewalks will gradually be laid, and the streets assume that look of attention which betokens the up to date city.

The stores in the city will be found to be up to date in every particular, and their variety sufficient to enable everyone to satisfy the ordinary wants.

Population.

Port Alberni was incorporated in March of 1912, having then a popula-