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interruption. The alteration of the baths has been carried out under the city architect, 19 miles of trenching have been excavated in the streets, wherein has been laid 35 miles of stoneware ducts, which contain 4,910 miles of copper wire. All lines in the city are laid underground, with the exception of those brought up and distributed to subscribers in the particular neighbourhood. The central exchange switchboard, with its quarter of a million soldered joints, is of the latest pattern, with all modern improvements, and has accommodation for 2,000 subscribers, which can be extended to an ultimate capacity of 5,000. Sections are set apart for inter-communication and for trunk lines. The system which is a silent one, is invaluable particularly for trunk line messages to other towns, a very important matter for the city. An exchange has been opened in Hessle, one at Cottingham will be open in a few days, and one at Beverley shortly. The area assigned to the corporation by their license is the same as that of the National Telephone Company. The whole of the construction has been carried out in the course of the present year.