

to this the C.P.R. steamer "Tees" handled freight and mails, supplemented by a stage coach running to and from Nanaimo. When the service was started trains arrived in Port Alberni every other day, but the growing traffic made it necessary for the railway company to establish a daily service which has been in operation since June of the present year.

In connection with the freight and passenger service the C.P.R. has put on the West Coast run the fine new oil burning steamship Princess Maquinna, which is a thoroughly equipped and luxurious example of the enterprise of this company. With such a fine ship on the run, travelling on the West Coast is accomplished with the maximum of enjoyment and minimum of delay.

In addition to the line operated by the C.P.R. the Canadian Northern Railway Company is busily engaged in getting its line from Victoria to Port Alberni constructed. Some nine hundred men are engaged on the stretch from Port Alberni to Cowichan Lake, and already much of the grading has been completed. The stupendous nature of this undertaking is realized when the huge cuts and fills are seen. For a distance of some ten miles the line follows the shore along the Alberni Canal, the route