

CONDUCTABLE TO LOWER MAINLAND

C. Telephone Company Will Construct New Submarine Cable Across Gulf

The telephone service between the island and Vancouver Island is likely to be considerably improved by the construction of a cable from Grey Strait across the Gulf of Georgia to Departure Bay, near Nanaimo, according to Vancouver officials of the C. Telephone Company.

The present time there is one from the mainland serving all exchanges as far east as Agassiz, the exchanges on the island, and now proposed to lay a submarine cable directly across the Gulf rather than by way of Bowen and Texada, or by the southern route, using the San Juan Islands.

The distance will be about 30 miles above direct route having only been seen after careful surveys. The cable, which is of a new type, will be in England and will cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000. It will be of the kind known as the Pupin coil type, which has been used with the best success across the English Channel in connecting up services between England and France.

The special features are electrically attached to the cable every half mile. These coils are for the purpose of keeping up the electric currents in the cable, as well as equalizing the resistance of the cable. The present cable in use consists of double wires, the new one will consist of seven double strands, and the movement to the service will undoubtedly be a great improvement. It is expected to lay the cable next spring, by which time the company expects to have a cable available for use from time to time. On inquiry at local offices yesterday it was stated that the improvements referred to would greatly facilitate conversation over the phone with Vancouver and other exchanges from this city; also that it was generally understood that another cable must be laid into use as early as possible, although no announcement had officially been made as to the route. The man of long distance lines, however, he had no doubt the proposal would be carried through as soon as possible.

CASE OF THE HINDUS

The Editor—I have for some time taken a great interest in the East in our Hindu population of Victoria, and I feel it is only right to call the attention of your readers to some of the injustices which are being done to them. Some of these are of a serious nature. Mr. Bhag Singh has been a trooper in the Indian Cavalry and then a British soldier in the 25th Regiment of the Indian Army. He came to Victoria in 1905 and was one of the founders of the Sikh Trust Company in Vancouver. He went home to India to bring his wife and two daughters to the country, hoping to settle him a ticket, alleging that he was a soldier in the 25th Regiment of the Indian Cavalry.

of these men hold considerable property and have lost about 100 in this useless waiting. A British Columbia Hindu has decided to send his delegates to Ottawa at the end of this month to Inter-Ministerial Conference, hoping he will amend this iniquitous ordinance, which is really ultra and unconstitutional. If unsuccessful at Ottawa they will proceed to London and interview British statesmen and after that go to India, laying final appeal before the people of the various political associations of the Indian National Congress, the Muslim League, etc.

A. C. Oelner, C.E., for the past twelve months a valuable member of the city engineer's department, was tendered a farewell supper Thursday by his many friends. Mr. Oelner leaves on Sunday to take up work as representative of the Westminster Paving Company in Buenos Ayres, which has extensive paving contracts in that city, and many other of the South American cities. A delightful dinner was given at the Empress, where many good wishes and hearty sentiments were tendered Mr. Oelner. Those present were Messrs. G. B. Hughes, C.E., C. Payne, C.E., E. S. Workman, R. Westcott, C.E., and Warren Rodney.

The three city lodges of the A. O. U. W. having decided to hold a winter contest during the winter months, the contest was started last Monday night in Semple's hall, Victoria West, at the close of a brief business session of the Western Star Lodge No. 7. The members of Western Star Lodge were pitted against those of Vancouver Lodge No. 5, and the score, at the end of three hours' play, being tied, the contest was adjourned to November 12th, when the contest will be resumed, and which ever lodge is winner will subsequently play Victoria Lodge No. 1. A beautiful banner has been provided for the winning lodge, and prizes will be awarded for the three highest individual scores.

An attachment for yarn-spinning machine, which will replace the empty ones, has been invented in England.

LOCAL NEWS

The meeting of the Canadian Order of Foresters was successfully held on evening with a large number in attendance. A lot of general business was transacted and it was decided that an organizer should tour the island next month.

The new skating rink, at the Willoughby near completion, the last truss being successfully placed Thursday.

The city has extended the time for receiving tenders for a power switch-board for the electric light station. The time was to be October 27th, and it is now November 3rd, at 3 p. m.

Miss Dorothy Davis, the representative of the Colonial Intelligence League, reports from the Okanagan country, in which she has been touring in the interests of the league, that the general outlook is very good.

In about two weeks the ladies of the Women's Institute are to give a concert at Royal Oaks. The members of the Political Equality League have been asked to repeat their clever little play entitled "How the Vote was Won" at the concert.

Building permits issued Thursday are as follows: H. T. Knott, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 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