

A freight service on this line gathers up mill produce for the transcontinental lines which are in conjunction with the electric line at Abbotsford.

To cope with the huge amount of milk and cream, meats and fruits that are sent daily to Vancouver and New Westminster, a special baggage and express train is run into town in the morning, returning in the evening with city goods and evening papers, and a second mail delivery. The big Coast papers containing late war and foreign news are out in this district in less than three hours from the moment of printing, market prices can be had daily, there is no lack of news or delay in transmission, when three dailies from Vancouver, a daily and weekly from New Westminster and two local weeklies issuing from Mission and Abbotsford weekly, circulates through the community.

HAPPY OLD TIMES WERE SLOW

Before the advent of railroads or the invention of motor cars this district depended upon the river for transportation and still a cheaper and easier, if slower, freight and passenger service is available by the steamer plying the river between New Westminster and Chilliwack. Cattle can be shipped with greater ease and comfort this way, and for Fridays, the day of the Westminster market, the boat is loaded with miscellaneous farm stock ranging from squabs to Clydesdales. At "Riverside", too, where the boat calls, is a government ferry running every forty minutes across to Mission City. This ferry transfers passengers, autos, and has lately been supplied with a larger boat capable of accommodating loads of hay.

SOCIAL AND BUSINESS INTERCOURSE EASY

The gauge of progress in any country or community lies in its facilities for intercourse, social and commercial. Judged by this standard, Matsqui Municipality has opportunities for advancement above any other settlement in the country. Whether by rail, road or river, the public can travel in any direction with ease and freedom. Little over two hours separates the farmer from the cities of the Coast. Each railroad has of necessity its telegraph and telephone communications and furthermore the B.C. Telephone Co. has spread a network of phones through the valley, rivalled in Matsqui district by two or more local systems, annihilating altogether that sense of isolation which the farmer's family so often dreads.

ELECTRIC LIGHT AND MOTOR POWER

Another city convenience, electric light and power, is enjoyed by many who live near the B.C.E. Railway line, and this advantage will be spread over a much greater area as the country opens up. A huge power plant situate north of the Fraser at Stave Lake, runs a power line of high voltage through the municipality serving the cities of Sumas and Bellingham, in the States, with power and light. As soon