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VANCOUVER.**RURAL TELEPHONE CONSTRUCTION IS ABOVE THE
NORMAL.****8,000 Miles of Rural Telephone Construction.**

Rural telephone construction this year in the province of Saskatchewan is stated by Mr. D. C. McNab to be slightly above normal, with condition healthy and prospects bright. "While there have been years," said Mr. McNab, "in which more rapid development has been made, it is estimated that from 7,500 to 8,000 new telephone mileage will be completed this year."

"From May 1, when this fiscal year began, to July 24, a total of 503 applications have been dealt with, this figure of course including a certain number or uncompleted applications left over from the preceding period. These in the aggregate amount to a pole mileage of 11,138½ miles, and new subscribers numbering 13,254. During the same period 140 debenture issues of rural telephone companies have been authorised, amounting to \$1,663,100, and representing 4,546 pole miles and 5,205 subscribers."

"If all applications now on hand could be immediately put in the contractors' hands, it would mean a very large year's work, but owing to the fact that the Local Government Board requires that eighty-five per cent of the lands that will have to bear telephone taxation must be free of all arrears of taxes, a considerable number of the proposed companies are temporarily held back. The present uncertainty as to the ultimate price of wheat will possibly keep some companies from carrying out their plans to build in the immediate future, although all those companies whose debentures have been authorised will doubtless proceed with construction without delay."

**MAYOR
CHURCH,**who for the sixth
time has been
elected to the
Mayoralty of
Toronto**P. R. FOR IRISH MUNICIPALITIES.**

The "Local Government (Ireland) Bill" became law on June 3. The vote in the House of Commons on the third reading was 244 to 42. It applies the Hare system of proportional representation to the election of all local representation to the election of all local representative bodies in Ireland, which means about four hundred. Nearly one hundred municipalities will use the system in January.

Following is the report, in the London Times of May 29 of the remarks of the Lord Chancellor on the bill in the House of Lords: "The Lord Chancellor said, that he welcomed every application of the system of proportional representation in municipal and national affairs. It was a matter of regret that the lead which was given by their lordships to the House of Commons was not accepted. Many of them had long reached the conclusion that their democratic institutions could not be efficiently or even safely worked unless they provided assemblies which were an accurate reflection of public opinion. (Hear, hear.) No other method except proportional representation could secure that result, and some of them would never cease their efforts until they obtained the adoption of the principle."—Proportional Representation Review.