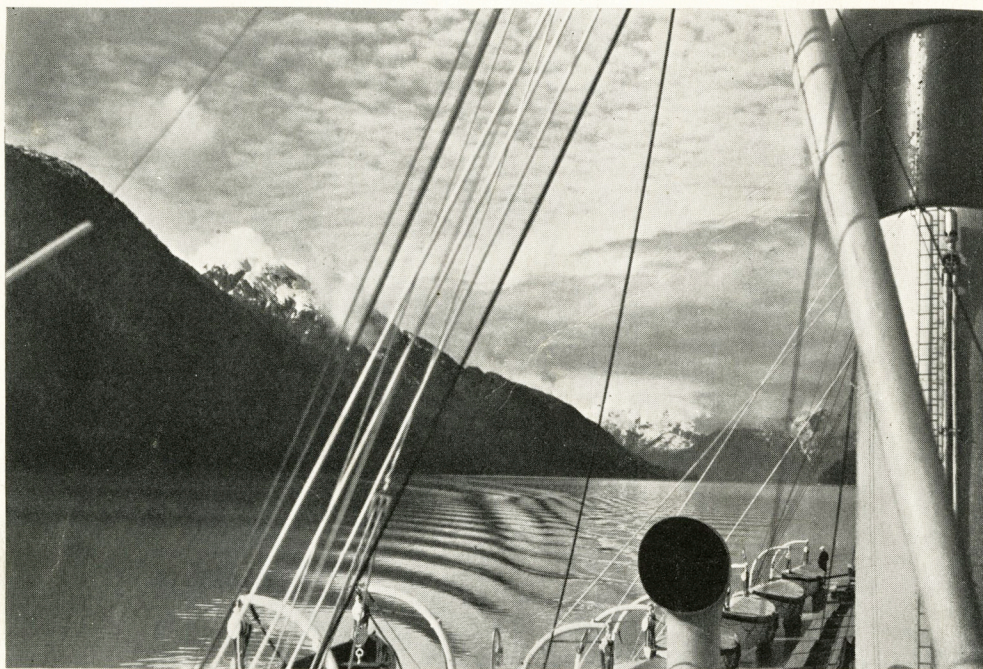


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Northern B. C. seascape.

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Queen's Bay, Kootenay Lake.

—Photo by J. H. Allen

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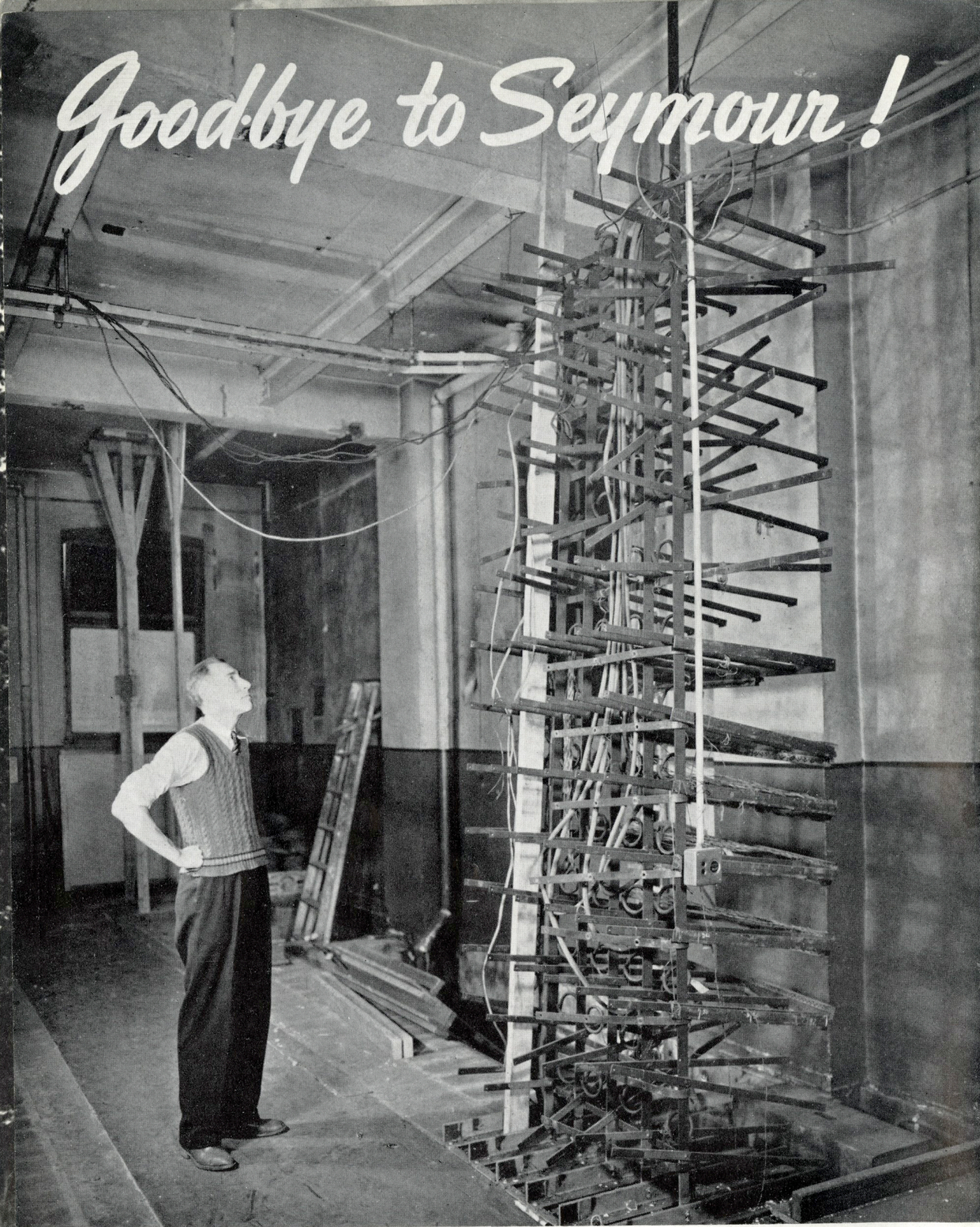
“All circuits are busy; I will call you” is a phrase that Long Distance telephone operators are using more frequently nowadays as they strive to handle the record-breaking loads of calls brought about by the war.

Regular users of the Long Distance service will remember how, year by year, the service increased in speed until finally most of their calls were put through while they stayed on the line. Now, between certain points, the traffic has increased to such an extent that at the busiest hours calls sometimes have to be held up until circuits are available.

“Why not provide more circuits?” it may be asked. Unfortunately, the wartime regulations won't permit that, because of the material and manpower required. In some cases there are even fewer circuits than before for civilian use, as some channels have been set aside for the exclusive use of the armed forces.

The British Columbia Telephone Company is making this explanation to the public in current advertising, so that if delay on a call is experienced, it will be understood that it is due to wartime conditions over which the company has no control.

Good-bye to Seymour!



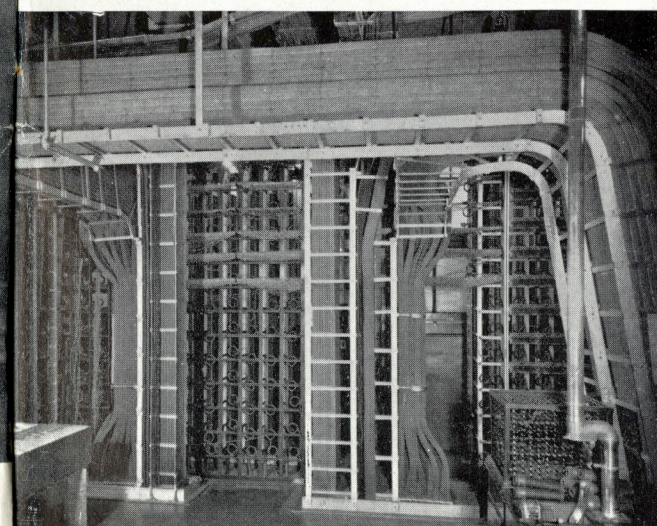
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Reg. Milner, veteran Vancouver maintenance man, surveys a twisted bit of the old Seymour main frame, all that remains of the Seymour-Trinity rack room equipment, recently junked. Much of the salvaged metal will go into war material. The Seymour and Trinity manual offices gave way to the dial offices of Marine and Pacific two years ago. Fraser has since been cut over. However, further conversion of Vancouver's telephone system to the automatic method has been halted because of the war.



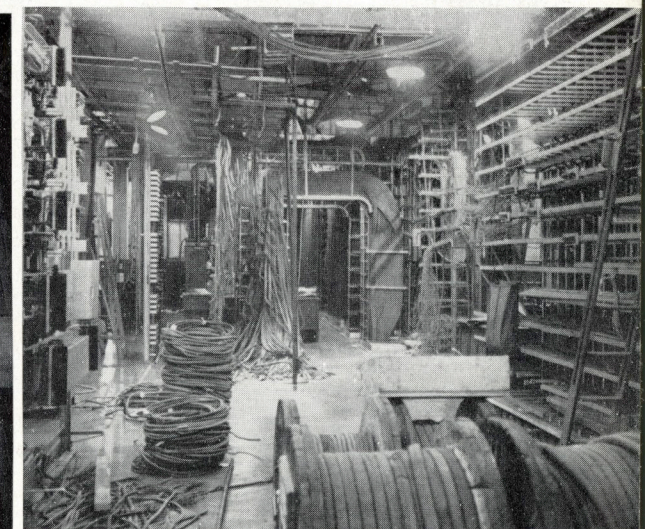
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Eli Mercer (right), cable splicer, and his helper, Fred Ehlers, sealing the end of salvaged cable in the Seymour-Trinity rack room. This cable will be used again for telephone purposes.



—Photo by Dominion Photo Co.

Intricate cable and wire distribution in the Seymour-Trinity rack room, prior to the demolishing of the equipment.



—Photo by Eric Mason

A general view of the Seymour-Trinity rack room while demolition was in progress.



—Photo by Dominion Photo Co.

Woollen garments for merchant seamen, made by the "Sey-Ops" (D.S. "A" operators) Service Club, are contained in the box displayed above by some members of the club. At the left, rear, is Miss Freda Pearce, president of the group. Others in the photo are: Miss Jean Dobbie, Miss Jean Davidson, Miss Nancy J. Smith, Miss Nora Sweeten, Miss Anne McNaughton and Miss Mary Aitchison.



—Photo by Dominion Photo Co.

A group of patriotic knitters in the Alma office, Vancouver. Left to right: Miss Jean Marlatt, agent, and Miss Leona Love, Miss Lucille Carter, Miss Joy Glashan and Miss Audrey Curell, operators.



"Look-Alikes"



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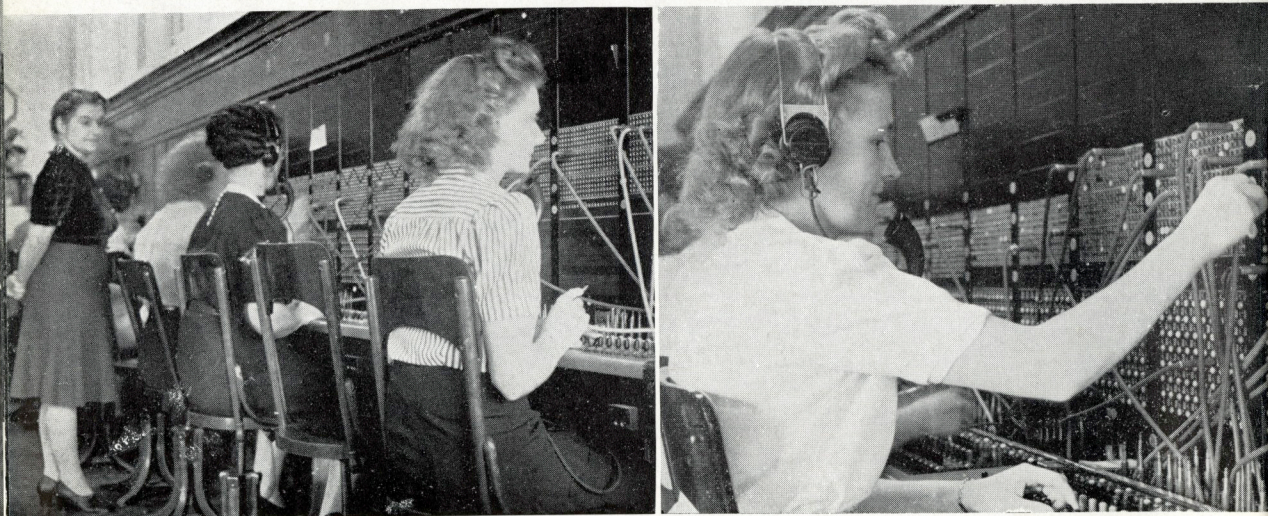
Vancouver is becoming "look-alike" conscious, thanks to the featuring of folks who resemble each other in the daily column of Al Williamson, of the Vancouver News-Herald. So the Telephone Company presents a double-header of look-alikes—two sets of identical twins.

The top pictures show Miss Patricia Galloway (left) and Miss Hazel Galloway, twin sisters who are Alma operators. Below are twin brothers, Jack Sims (left), of the supplies department, and Frank Sims, of Seymour stores. Jack and Frank are sons of a well-known telephone man, Rod Sims.



—Photo by Renwick's Studio

These Nelson telephone operators are learning to shoot. They've joined the Nelson Small Bore Rifle Club, of which Art Creech, Nelson wire chief, is president. Left to right: Miss Muriel Smith, Miss Loye Dayman, Miss Lorraine Carew, Miss Jean Coles and Miss Rosemary Fleming.



—Photos by the Weir Studio

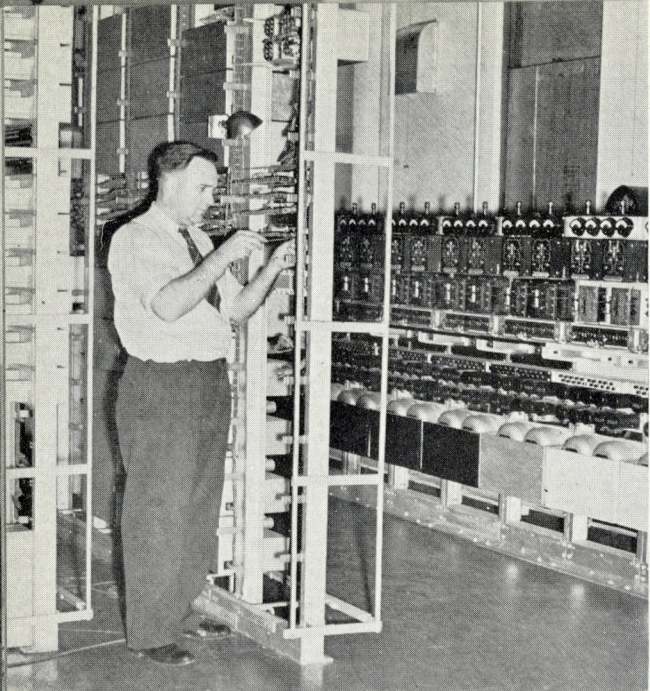
The Trail switchboard, a part of which is shown above, was enlarged by the installation of three new positions in 1942. Standing is the chief operator, Mrs. Frances Barrett. In the photo at the right is Miss Muriel Johnson.

*"Voice Highway"
in the making*

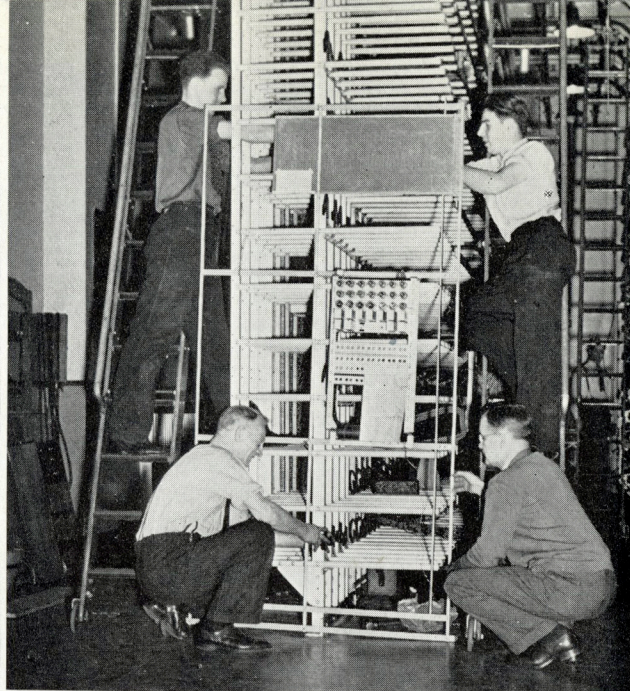


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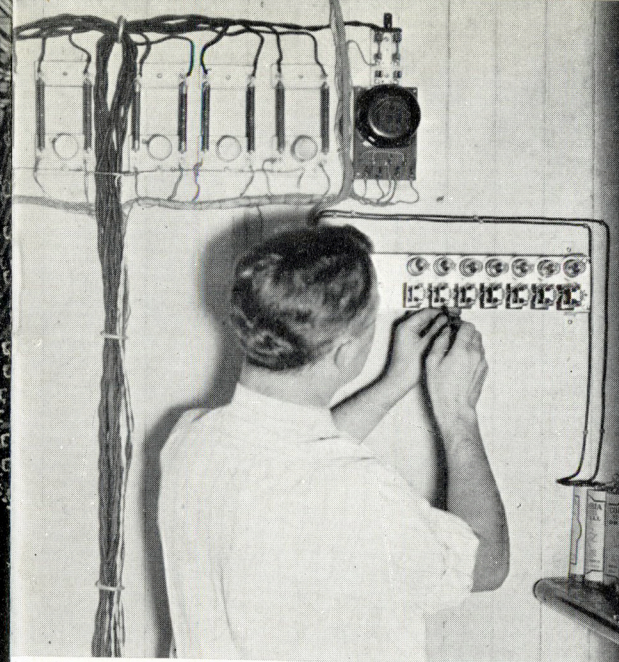
Although restrictions have prevented the B. C. Telephone Company from installing enough new equipment to take care of the wartime load, some additions were made in 1942. Here's Percy Clarke, of the switchboard construction department, making up a cable form to provide an extra Victoria-Seattle circuit.



Percy Clarke connecting cable form for new Victoria-Seattle circuit to Victoria "repeater" equipment, another step in the job pictured on the preceding page.



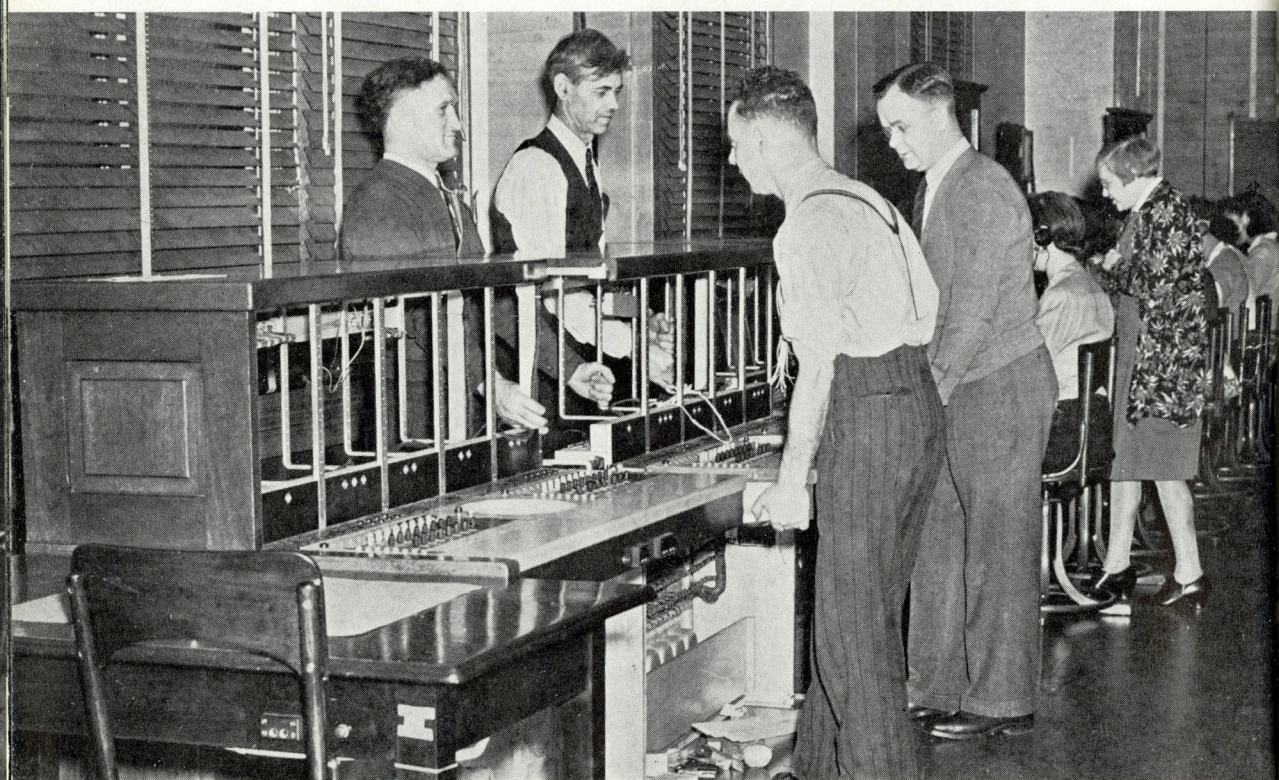
Making an addition to the main distributing frame in the Victoria rack room. Kneeling are Charlie Holman and Foreman Jack Adamson. Above are Alvin Sill and Pete Kaayk.



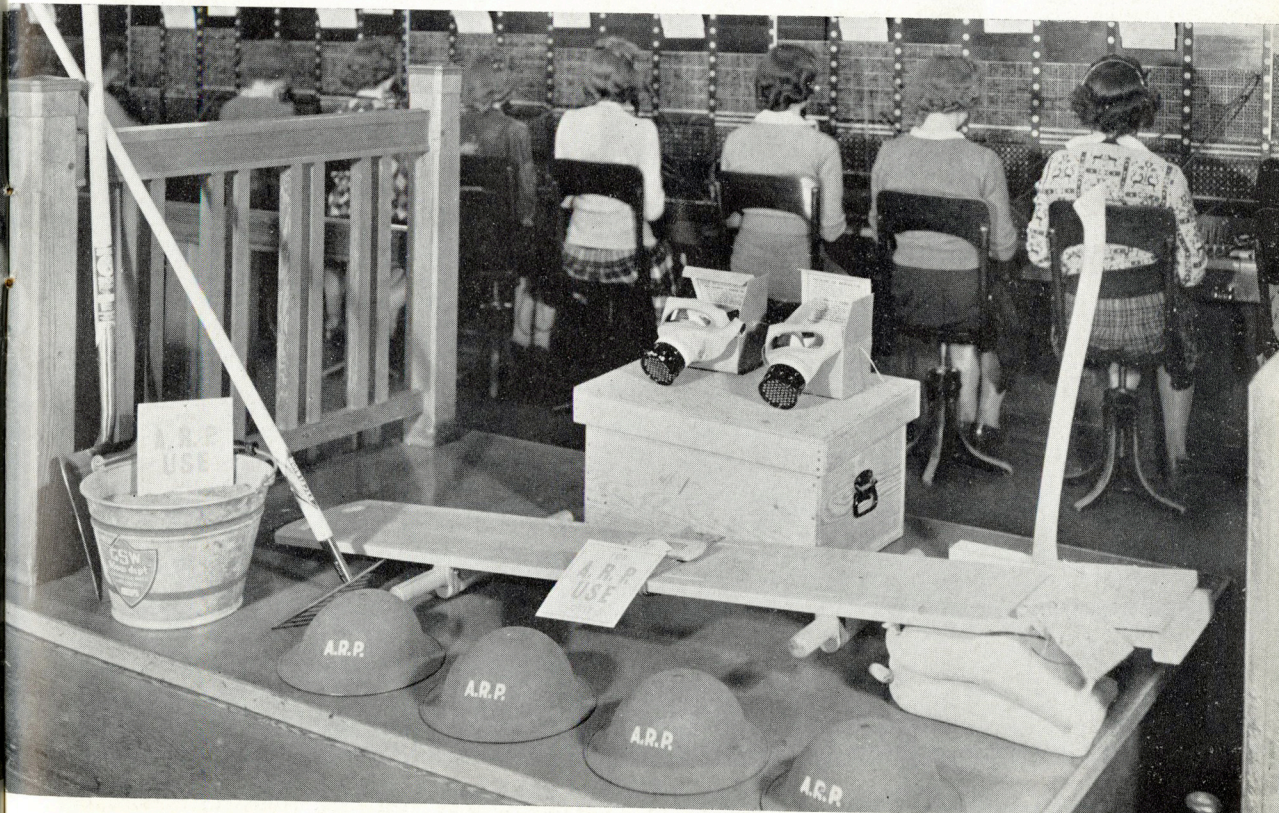
Jack Adamson, of the switchboard construction department, installing ARP siren control equipment at Kimberley. Telephone lines provide the circuits, by means of which sirens are controlled.



Miss Margaret Sparling, Miss Dorothy Pulsford and Miss Dorothy Robinson, Alma operators, Vancouver, wearing the ARP armbands issued to all operators to enable them to go to and from work, unchallenged, in case of an alarm.



Installing six new positions in the Victoria Long Distance office. Left to right: Joe Walla, Bob Macauley, Stewart Jeffs and Foreman Jack Adamson.

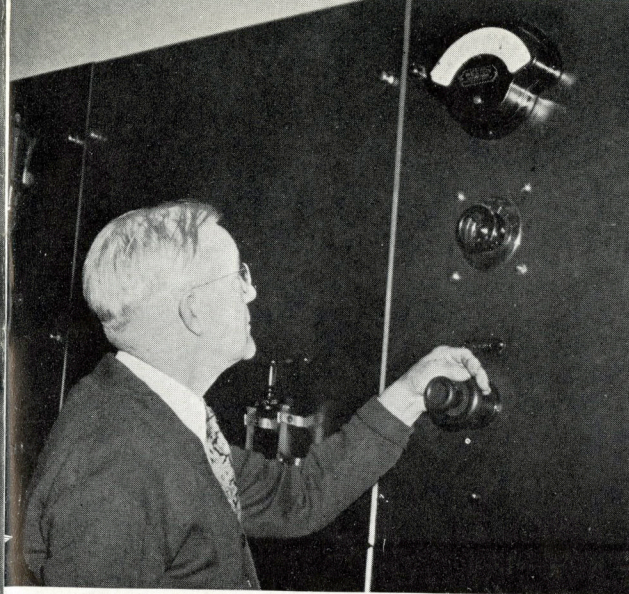


Ready for an emergency—an array of ARP equipment in the Alma operating room, Vancouver.



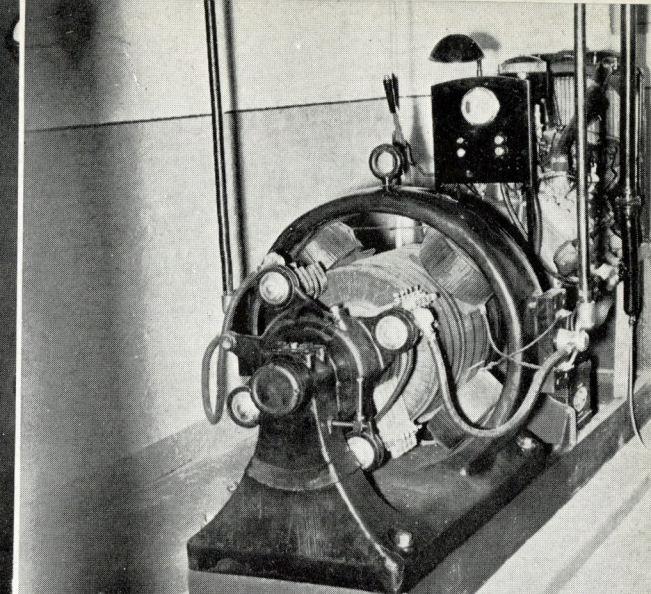
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Despite the fact that very little new equipment could be added because of wartime restrictions, our telephone traffic in 1942 was the heaviest in history (see story on Page 13). Above is one of the Vancouver operators who helped to handle the record load, Miss Christina Moncrieff, of the Alma staff. She is a niece of Miss Margaret Moncrieff, Bayview evening chief operator.



—Photo by Duncan Macphail

At the Victoria power board is Arthur (Pop) Harness, Victoria maintenance, adjusting the motor generator set.



—Photo by The Stride Studios

Here's the emergency power plant in the New Westminster telephone office, for use in case of failure of regular sources of power.



—Photo by Dave Buchan, of The Vancouver Sun

Soldiers of tomorrow! David Woods, commercial office boy, Vancouver, is in the forefront of these members of the First Vancouver Cadet Training Corps.

Record Breakers



—Photo by Dominion Photo Co.

Flying fingers of Vancouver's Long Distance operators were busier than ever in 1942, the calls handled during the year reaching a new high (see story on opposite page). A section of the Long Distance switchboard is shown above. The supervisor in the photo is Miss Marguerite Smith.

Record Load of Telephone Calls Handled in B. C. in 1942

MORE telephone calls were handled by the British Columbia Telephone Company's system in 1942 than during any previous year in the company's history, despite the fact that installation of new equipment was curtailed because of the war.

In the Vancouver Long Distance office, the total number of calls handled each month was a record for that particular month, with the all-time peak being reached in December. Fortunately, it was possible to make some additions to the Long Distance switchboard during the year, so that the Christmas load, while it reached a new high, did not present a greater problem than that of the previous year. On Christmas day, however, it was possible to complete only 69 per cent of the calls filed. There was a two-hour delay on calls to Victoria, recipient of most telephone greetings from Vancouver, while there was a hold-up of as much as 12 hours on calls to Toronto and other eastern points. Nanaimo ranked second to Victoria as the most popular point for Vancouver callers. In pre-war years, Seattle held this position.

Although the Christmas day load was a record-breaker, there was evidence that many people acceded to the Telephone Company's request to make their Yuletide calls on other days, as the

load for the entire two weeks preceding Christmas was exceptionally heavy.

A special "thank you" must go to the Vancouver public for their response to the company's appeal to curtail telephone calling generally. Last August, the company launched a newspaper advertising campaign, asking for "fewer and shorter telephone calls". The series continued for the last five months of the year. The advertisements were confined to Vancouver newspapers, as only in Vancouver was the situation acute.



Miss Kathleen Galbraith, one of the Vancouver Long Distance operators who in 1942 handled the heaviest load of toll calls in the company's history. Photo by Dominion Photo Co.

Figures on telephone calls in the Vancouver-New Westminster area gave immediate evidence of the public's willingness to co-operate. The figure for average calls per business day was much lower for each of the last five months of 1942 (that is, from the time the company began to advertise) than for each of the corresponding five months of 1941. The average for the last five months of 1942, considered collectively, was also much lower than that of the first seven months of the same year. The 12-month load for 1942 was, of course, greater than that for 1941.

Here are the Vancouver-New Westminster comparative figures, on a basis of calls per average business day, for the periods mentioned above, as compiled by the traffic engineering department:

Calls per average business day, seven-month period, January to July, inclusive, 1941—613,313.

Calls per average business day, seven-month period, January to July, inclusive, 1942—648,357.

Calls per average business day, five-

month period, August to December, inclusive, 1941—648,006.

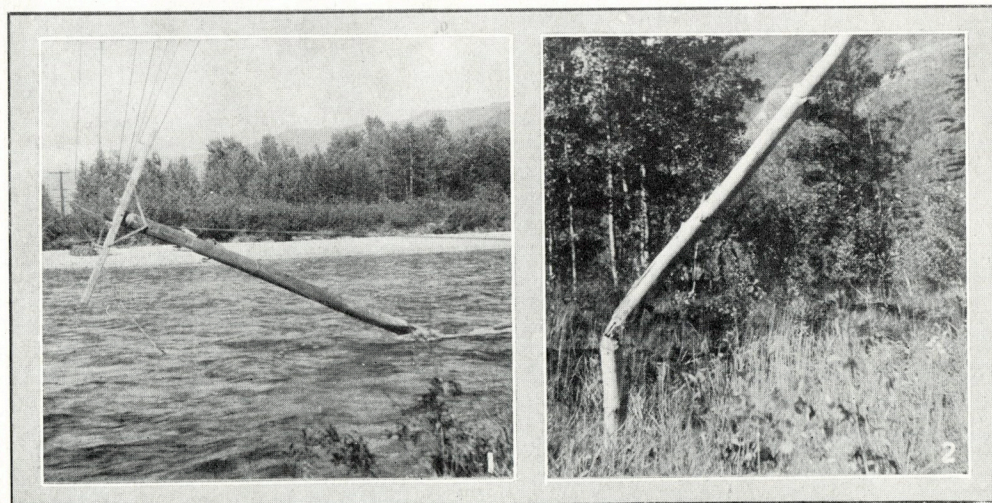
Calls per average business day, five-month period, August to December, inclusive, 1942—617,062.

A month-by-month comparison of calls per average business day in the Vancouver-New Westminster area, for 1941 and 1942, follows:

	1941	1942
January	601,184	728,802
February	589,882	639,394
March	620,344	670,338
April	644,360	647,332
May	623,718	627,100
June	613,438	605,233
July	600,267	620,304
August	600,538	600,468
September	646,579	621,053
October	638,695	608,525
November	646,473	607,948
December	707,747	647,319
Ave. for year	627,769	635,318

For Safe Keeping

KEEP your War Savings Certificates in a safe place and a list of their numbers safely elsewhere.



Kootenay telephone troubles. The photo at the left shows how a 1942 flood washed out a portion of the trans-Canada line at Hosmer, east of Fernie. The section has since been re-routed. At the time of the flood, temporary poles were cut from the bush and duplex attached by Jimmie Paterson, of Fernie. Right: A. W. Millin, of Creston, found this pole gnawed down by beavers.

Kerrisdale and West Were Best

Larger Offices Headed by Kerrisdale

BEST service in areas served by larger offices of the British Columbia Telephone Company in 1942 was given by the Kerrisdale operating staff, Vancouver, results of the com-



Miss Phyllis Pover, Kerrisdale chief operator. Photo by Hughes Studio.

pany's annual competition reveal.

The victory was particularly gratifying to Miss Phyllis Pover, the Kerrisdale chief operator, and her staff, as it was this office's first triumph. A cash prize of \$30 goes to the winner.

By taking first place for 1942, Kerrisdale replaced the 1941 victor, New Westminster. The Royal City staff, however, made a good showing, being tied for second place with Bayview.

Winners of the contest in past years:

1921, Highland; 1922, Highland; 1923, Bayview; 1924, Highland; 1925, Victoria; 1926, Fairmont; 1927, Highland; 1928, Fairmont; 1929, Highland; 1930, Fairmont; 1931, Highland; 1932, 1933 and 1934, Bayview; 1935, Seymour; 1936, Fairmont; 1937 and 1938, Bayview; 1939, Fairmont; 1940, Trinity; 1941, New Westminster.

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West Is Six-time Winner

For the sixth time in the history of the contest, West Vancouver won the traffic service competition for smaller

offices in 1942. North Vancouver had won the previous year.

Runner-up to West for first honors was Alma, while Dexter finished in third place. A cash prize of \$10 was awarded the winner.



Mrs. Edna Green, who aided both West and Kerrisdale to 1942 victories.

Mrs. Edna Green contributed to the victories of both Kerrisdale, winner among the larger offices, and West. She was the West chief operator for a major portion of the year and then was transferred to Kerrisdale as evening chief. Miss Helen Matthews finished the year as West chief operator.

Past winners of the contest:

1922, Eburne; 1923, Fraser; 1924, North; 1925, New Westminster; 1926, West; 1927 and 1928, New Westminster; 1929, Marpole; 1930 and 1931, West; 1932, Glenburn; 1933, West; 1934, West and Marpole; 1935, West; 1936, Marpole; 1937, North; 1938, West; 1939, North; 1940, West; 1941, North.

"Sun" Features Telephone Company UNDER the title "Voices of Victory", an illustrated article featuring the war activities of the B. C. Telephone Company and staff, appeared in a recent Sunday magazine section of *The Vancouver Sun*. TELEPHONE TALK says "thank you" to the *Sun* and to its magazine editor, Stan Beck.

KEEP your War Savings Certificates in a safe place and a list of their numbers safely elsewhere.

A Good Friend in the 'Phone Business

WHEN pals of our plant man at the Alma office, Vancouver, speak of having "a good friend in the telephone business," the description has a double meaning—for the name of the gentleman referred to is George Friend.

Our friend named Friend is one of the real veterans of the telephone industry, his career dating back to a day, 38 years ago, when he was working on a Manitoba farm. Seeing a telephone line crew in action nearby, he exclaimed: "That's the job for me!"



George Friend, Alma plant man. Photo by Charles West.

As a result, he promptly said good-bye to farm life and went to work for the telephone company at Melita, Manitoba. He has served the British Columbia Telephone Company for 26 years, during the past 17 of which he has been in charge of maintenance at the Alma office, formerly Point Grey.

George Friend was born in the little town of Aldeburgh, in the county of Suffolk, East Anglia, England. He has four brothers and two sisters who still reside in Suffolk, in the town of Orford. He also has two nieces who are English telephone operators—or telephonists, as they call them there. One of these is Miss Minnie Borrett, of Orford, and the other is a Miss Friend of Clacton-on-Sea.

Prompted by an adventurous spirit and a desire for a change of scenery, George came to Canada in 1904. He made his way out to Manitoba where he obtained work on a farm, giving this up for the telephone job at Melita the following year.

He was next employed by the Bell system in Winnipeg, working for that firm in the summer and for the C. P. R. Telegraphs in the winter. Then he pushed on to Calgary, spending another two years with the C. P. R., followed by seven years in the service of the Alberta Government Telephones. Lethbridge was his headquarters in Alberta, and there, more than 30 years ago, he met three men who are now engaged in the telephone industry with him in Vancouver. These old friends of Friend are Art Wall, Langara plant man; Tommy Fleming, of Marine maintenance; and Percy Gostling, of the repair shop.

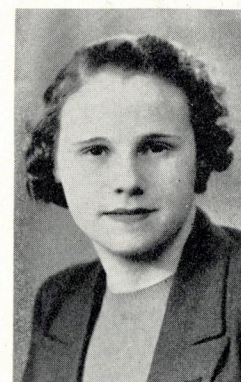
George joined the B. C. Telephone Company in Vancouver on June 22,

1917. During the next few years he held a variety of positions in Vancouver, New Westminster and Duncan, and then, on November 1, 1925, he was transferred from the Bayview central office to the Point Grey office (now Alma) as plant man in charge, succeeding Art Creech who is now Nelson wire chief. This was just one year after the Point Grey office opened.

Married for 33 years, Mr. and Mrs. Friend have one son, George W., now of Woodfibre, B. C.

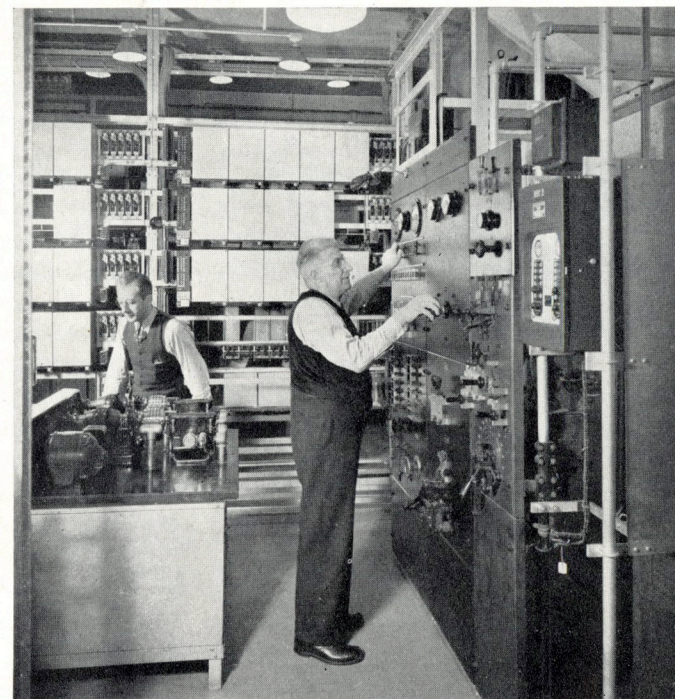
George has two main hobbies—fishing and gardening.

As a telephone "trouble shooter," George has had many odd experiences, but he says that the funniest of all took place in his Alberta days with the C. P. R. They couldn't raise anyone at Monarch, Alberta, and



Miss Minnie Borrett, a telephone operator at Orford, England, who is a niece of George Friend.

George went out from Lethbridge on a speeder to see what was wrong. He found that a boy had decided that the telegraph switchboard was dirty and needed immediate cleaning. The boy had taken it apart, and, when George arrived, was scrubbing it with water.



The Alma rack room, with Clyde Churchill, at the left, and George Friend. Photo by Dominion Photo Co.

Luzerne Walsworth Retires After 22 Years' Service

LUZERNE WALSWORTH, veteran line and station repairman of the New Westminster plant department, retired on pension last September 30, after more than 22 years of service with the British Columbia Telephone Company.

He joined the company as a lineman at North Vancouver on March 12, 1920, moving to New Westminster in September of the same year. He continued as a member of the Royal City plant staff until his retirement last September.

On the occasion of his departure, associates in the company presented him with a parting gift of cash. Ken Galbraith was the spokesman for the occasion.

Lu. now resides in Berkeley, California.

"We're Two Years Old Now!"

By W. H. STURROCK, Treasurer, Victel Credit Union

RECENTLY two very significant birthdays came and passed without much fanfare or celebration. They were the second birthdays of the Van-Tel Credit Union, on November 12, and the Victel Credit Union, on December 16. These dates, anniversaries of incorporation, marked two years of very successful operation of the credit unions of the employees of the B. C. Telephone Company in Vancouver and Victoria.

By the time this article is in print, both credit unions will have held their annual meetings, at which the directors will have reported on the operations of the past year, and the membership will have voted on and set the dividend rate for the distribution of the 1942 earnings. Retiring directors and committee

members will have been re-elected or replaced, and policies of operation set up or re-affirmed.

This will all have been done in the credit union way—democratically. Every member has one vote only, regardless of the number of shares held by him or her.

A credit union is different from the regular financial institution, which is interested primarily in profits, because the credit union is made up of the people you work with and come in contact with every day, and who will go out of their way to help you with your problems and troubles.

The main purpose of a credit union is service to its members, in any way whatsoever, within the scope of its powers.

It is ready at any time, in emergencies, in cases of necessity, or for utilitarian purposes, to give aid to its members, financially or otherwise.

Both Van-Tel and Victel are members of the B. C. Credit Union League, which in turn is a member of the Credit Union National Association, commonly called "Cuna". This affiliation has proved very beneficial, for besides providing forms and stationery at very low costs, it makes available methods and details of operations and policies, and solutions to problems that are new to Van-Tel or Victel,



Here are the officers of the Victel Credit Union. Left to right: Sitting—Miss Isabel Crawford, of the supervisory committee; Miss Beatrice Hoffmeister, secretary; Robert F. Williams, president; Miss Lilian Benson, vice-president; Wilfred Sturrock, treasurer; and Miss Edith Ross, of the credit committee. Standing—Donald Tyson and Arthur Barry, of the supervisory committee; William Smith, director; Russell Ard, assistant treasurer; Miles Wetmore, director; and Glyn Jones and Jack Potts, of the credit committee. Photo by Duncan Macphail.

but which have been encountered by other credit unions, are obtainable for their benefit.

It is through the Cuna Mutual Insurance Society that the savings and loan insurance coverages the credit unions enjoy are procured. This society, through the National Association, is made up of all credit unions on the North American continent, and has now opened a Canadian office in Hamilton, Ontario, for the purpose of giving better service to Canadian credit unions.

In Victoria there are seven credit unions, with a total membership of 639, as at September 30 last. Six of these are members of the B. C. Credit Union League, and have formed what is called the Greater Victoria Chapter of Credit Unions, which in turn is an affiliate of the League. Meetings of this chapter are held regularly, and good results have been forthcoming.

This year Victoria is the meeting place of the annual convention of the League, and the chapter and individual credit unions and members are ready to prove that Victoria hospitality is hard to beat.

The chapter has undertaken the project of furthering the interests of the Victoria Co-operative Consumers' Society, and its store, with the result that quite a number of Victoria credit unionists, including members of Victel, have become members.

Victel is tied with the Perpetual Help Credit Union for the honor of being the largest credit union in Victoria. Perpetual has a larger membership, but Victel has the largest share capital, and hopes, before long, to catch up to the other in membership.

Co-operation between Van-Tel and Victel was demonstrated vividly a short time ago when Victel was snowed under with loan applications for the purpose of purchasing Victory Bonds. A short

telephone conversation between the two treasurers resulted in a cheque in the next mail from Van-Tel for \$1,000.00 to assist Victel to meet the avalanche.

Both Victel and Van-Tel again wish to express their appreciation to the management of the Telephone Company and to the editor of TELEPHONE TALK for their co-operation in assisting this movement amongst the employees.

Don Baker Weds

MISS MARJORIE BROWN became the wife of A. D. (Don) Baker, of Marine-Pacific maintenance, Vancouver, in a ceremony at St. Phillip's Anglican Church on November 18. A gift certificate, with which was purchased an occasional chair, was the present from associates of the groom, Alan Irvine, Marine-Pacific wire chief, making the presentation. The gift from the board of management of the Sick Benefit Association, of which Don is a member, was a set of silver tea spoons.

Mellish Leaves Sick Benefit Post

C. W. (BILL) MELLISH has resigned as secretary-treasurer of the Telephone Employees' Sick Benefit Association, a position he has filled faithfully and efficiently since the group was organized in March, 1936. Fred Hall vacated the office of president in order to take over Bill's duties, and Miss Mona Bruce is the new president.



Miss Beverly Hearn, Kerrisdale operator, who answered a telephone call from a dog. The dog knocked the transmitter from the hook, thereby summoning help and foiling an attempted burglary (see photo in last issue).

A Few Lines from the Front Lines

(TELEPHONE TALK here presents portions of letters from telephone men on active service to friends at home. We hope to make this a regular feature, and employees are invited to contribute.—EDITOR.)

HERE'S an extract from a letter dated in India, October 20, 1942, from Flying Officer T. L. (Slim) Lewis, former central office maintenance man at Princeton, to W. H. Foulkes, toll wire chief, Vancouver:



The man behind the beard is Lieut. Glyn Rees-Thomas, formerly of head office, Vancouver, now in service with the R.C.N.V.R.

"Well, it's been some time since I last wrote to you and the boys — so here goes. "First — I've been in the tropics for darn near a year now. We arrived in West Africa last November. We spent a month there, then flew our machines to Cairo. From Cairo, we were posted to the desert. After a little more than a month there, I was sent to Burma. There, we usually had our money's worth of excitement. I hope to be able to tell you of some of the fun we had out there one of these days. For the last of the Burma campaign, we operated from China. Now, here we are in India. That, in a nutshell, covers my travels since leaving England.

"I have tried to make good use of all this travelling. I have quite a good album now. In our trip across Africa, we slept in grass and mud huts in a small native compound. We spent a

few days around Khartoum. While in Cairo, we visited the pyramids and the sphinx. In India, I've been stationed on the north-west frontier. I've been to Kashmir, Darjeeling, Issam, Bombay, Calcutta and Karachi. . . .

"If you can find a copy of TELEPHONE TALK—I believe it was the last November-December issue—will you send me one? The one I am thinking of is a B. C. pictorial issue. . . .

"Holy cow! It will be Christmas by the time you get this—so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all."

(The requested TELEPHONE TALK was forwarded to him.)

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FROM a point on the north Atlantic coast, Lieut. Glyn Rees-Thomas, formerly of the head office staff, Vancouver, and now of the R.C.N.V.R., wrote to Thomas Sherwood, of the revenue accounting department, Vancouver, under date of October 27. He said, in part:

"The spot we are in



Signalman R. M. McCartney, of the Vancouver Barracks Signal Corps. He is a former splicer's helper and a grandson of George McCartney, retired superintendent of construction.

Photo by Artona.

(geographically speaking) is quite a pleasant one, a small rocky point jutting out into a little bay of our own, with even a nice, tiny sand beach at the side. . . . Had a good time up here knocking together a bit of furniture, and it was really a darn good thing that I was able to do so, as there wasn't even the proverbial apple box when we arrived. Now I've got my own quarters adequately furnished, bed, desk, chest of drawers, desk chair, easy chair, washstand, bedside table, book rack, etc.

"To cap all, the watchkeeper came in the other morning, and said, 'It's seven o'clock, sir, and the small boat's sunk.' Which, only too true, it had. Someone had tied the stern line so tightly that the incoming tide had just risen up and over the side. . . .

"I don't know whether mother told you or not, that I am now the proud possessor of a very fine and luxuriant hirsute growth (see photo on page 20. — EDITOR). . . .



LAC. Charles E. (Billy) Hurst, of the R.C.A.F., formerly of Kerrisdale maintenance and now overseas. He is a son of F. G. Hurst, former telephone man, now retired.

"If you see any of the lads at lunch, or any time, give 'em my regards. I get the odd bit of gossip from TELEPHONE TALK, which still reaches me, even up here."

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THANKING members of the Vancouver branch of the Electrical Employees' Organization for a gift

of "smokes", Frank Owston, formerly of Cloverdale plant, wrote the following letter to Gordon Little, Marine maintenance, from "Somewhere in England" on October 24:

"I received your generous gift of 300 'Sweet Caps' via the B.C. House. They are most acceptable. Thank you a million.

"I have been over here a year now. Am doing as well as can be expected, and, in general, keeping fit.

"Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and the best. Cheerio! . . ."



The member of the R.C.A.F. above is Calvin Mitchell, a brother of Miss Mary Mitchell, Hastings operator.

Attention: Female Married Employees

EMPLOYEES whose names have been changed through marriage since they purchased War Savings Certificates are asked to follow these instructions:

The certificates should be returned to the Office of the Registrar, War Savings Certificates, 350 King Edward avenue, Ottawa, to effect the change in registration. The certificates should be accompanied by an explanatory note, referring to A-8, File No. 681000, and by the original marriage certificate (or a certified copy), which will be copied and then returned.

Sam Nosworthy, of Chilliwack, Succumbs to Heart Attack

ROLAND (Sam) Nosworthy, aged 62 years, the Telephone Company's district repairman at Chilliwack, where he had resided for 20 years, died suddenly on January 20. He was stricken by a heart attack while trying out a pair of snowshoes in front of the Chilliwack telephone office.

The late Sam Nosworthy was born in Newfoundland on October 17, 1880. After working for a time with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company in St. John's, Newfoundland, he was employed by the Bell Telephone Company in Montreal. Following an intermission in which he was engaged in farming in Manitoba, he came to Vancouver in 1914 and joined the B. C. Telephone Company as an installer. He held a number of plant positions—switchboardman, repairman, head gangman—during the next few years, and then moved south to engage in telephone work in the United States.

In August, 1923, he joined the Telephone Company at Chilliwack as plant man, and when the Chilliwack system became associated with the B. C. Telephone Company in 1928, he continued in the same capacity.

Although Nosworthy was widely known as "Sam", it was not his right name. This appellation was acquired during his career with the Bell company in Montreal. Plant men at smaller offices were required to call in reports of trouble to an operator at the main office at night, giving their names. One

night when Nosworthy was reporting, he recognized the voice at the other end as belonging to an operator whom he knew, and thinking the operator would know his voice, he said: "This is Sam."

"Sam who?" said the operator.

"Just Sam," replied Nosworthy.

So the operator put down the name "Sam" on the report sheet. The next day there was a discussion in regard to the case of trouble in question. Nosworthy heard someone say: "There's no one named Sam here."

Whereupon he said: "I'm Sam." And Sam he remained ever since.



The late Roland (Sam) Nosworthy.

The name was perpetuated in B. C. by Stirling Ross, present equipment engineer, whom Nosworthy had known in Montreal.

Sam Nosworthy liked the outdoors and was a keen hunter. He frequently enjoyed trips in his power boat on Harrison Lake. He was a member of Mount Moriah Masonic Lodge, Montreal.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Frank, attending U. B. C., and Cpl. Roland, of the R.C.A.F.; two daughters, Mrs. O. Edmonson, of Turner Valley, Alta., and Mrs. Len Fraser, of Winnipeg; a sister, Mrs. J. Milley, of Curling, Newfoundland; two brothers, Albert, of Corner Brook, Newfoundland, and Frank, of Union, Washington.

The funeral was held on January 30, from Henderson's Parlors, in Chilliwack. Serving as pallbearers were: Robert Smyth, district plant chief, of

New Westminster, and W. H. Foulkes, toll wire chief, Vancouver.

Fifteen Years Ago

(FROM TELEPHONE TALK, JANUARY, 1928)

THE British Columbia Telephone Company's hundred thousandth telephone was installed in the Granville Market, 819 Granville street, Vancouver. Ed. Singer was the installer.

J. E. Carlile, former assistant to the comptroller, was appointed auditor, and C. C. Simpson was promoted from the post of revenue accountant to that of assistant secretary-treasurer. Blair G. Jardine, chief clerk of the revenue accounting department, was appointed district revenue accountant, and he was succeeded by William Edminston. Thomas M. Sherwood, recorder at New Westminster, succeeded Edminston as accounts supervisor, Vancouver, and Harold Henn, of the revenue accounting department, Vancouver, became recorder at New Westminster.

The preceding June, A. A. Sutherland, former chief clerk in head office, was appointed paymaster, succeeding J. E. Carlile, when the latter became assistant to the comptroller. W. G. Lindsay, formerly of the comptroller's office, became chief clerk in head office.

As the result of a rat gnawing a hole in the lead sheath of a cable, 25 lines went out of commission at the Essondale Mental Hospital.

The British Columbia coast will be united with Calgary by an all-Canadian telephone circuit this year, it was announced by James Hamilton, general manager.

(FROM TELEPHONE TALK, FEBRUARY, 1928)

Two hundred miles of long-distance lines and four telephone exchanges were acquired by the B. C. Telephone Company, in January, through the taking over of the company known as the Kootenay Telephone Lines, Limited. The system, which operates in the East Kootenay district of B. C., has exchanges in Cranbrook, Fernie, Kimberley and Michel.

The prompt and efficient service of Miss Anne Enos, night operator, won praise as a result of her work during a big fire at Sidney. She saw the fire from the window of the telephone office and soon made the cords fly, calling for aid.

Two thieves were captured in the Highland telephone office through the resourcefulness of a telephone operator, Miss Mary Galloway, and a switchboard man, Ralph Argue. Miss Galloway discovered the thieves and Argue pursued and captured one of them who tried to escape.

A second direct Vancouver-Langley circuit was completed.

Highland won the traffic service competition for larger offices in 1927. Winner among the smaller offices was New Westminster.

Cheque Machine Story Next Month

THE B. C. Telephone Company's new payroll cheque machine arrived at the paymaster's office too late to be described in detail in this TELEPHONE TALK. It will be covered by an illustrated article in the next issue.

John Jessop Dies

VICTIM of a traffic accident at 11 p.m., December 30, John Robert Jessop, aged 63 years, veteran member of the Vancouver construction department and more recently employed as a watchman at the plant garage, died in the Vancouver General Hospital on New Year's day. The fatal injuries were received when Jessop was struck by an automobile at the corner of Fourth avenue and Main street.

John Jessop was born in England on November 6, 1879. He was a veteran of the first World War, having served overseas with the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles. He had been employed by the B. C. Telephone Company continuously since May 25, 1920, but had been employed on some telephone jobs prior to that. He worked as a groundman on a construction gang until March 1, 1938, when he was transferred to the garage as a watchman, because of advanced years.

When advised of Jessop's death, George McCartney, retired superintendent of construction, paid tribute to him for years of faithful service.

Jessop was unmarried. One sister survives him.

Funeral services were in charge of the Canadian Legion and were held in the Centre & Hanna chapel on January 6. Interment followed in Mountain View cemetery.

The Electrical Employees' Organization, of which he was a member, was represented at the funeral by the Vancouver vice-president, Harry Kirk, and by the general secretary, Reg. H. Milner.



The late John Jessop.

Electrical Employees Elect

THREE of the four divisions of the B. C. Telephone Company Electrical Employees' Organization have held their annual elections, with the following results:

Vancouver — Burpee McLennan, president; Harry Kirk, vice-president; Lawrence Leiper, secretary-treasurer; Earl Wintemute, Tommy Johnston and R. B. Bell, directorate members; George Linn, Chris. Gunnlaugson and Lloyd MacDonald, executive members.

Victoria — Jack H. Potts, president; D. A. J. Maccloud, vice-president; Wilfred H. Sturrock, secretary-treasurer; R. F. Williams and Clifford Bull, directorate members; Rod J. Chisholm, William A. Smith and Alex. McCormick, executive members; A. W. Perry and A. H.

Barry, auditors.

Nelson — Robert B. Smith, president; G. R. (Dick) Drew, vice-president; A. Hardy, secretary-treasurer; Dan Miller, Wallace Woodall and K. M. Spence, executive members; Robert B. Smith, directorate member; Ed. Ruzicka, A. Milne and John McLean, sick committee.

Nanaimo district election results were not available at press time, but will be announced in our next issue.

Stork Visits Flyer

FLYING OFFICER Eric L. Mallett, R.C.A.F., peacetime member of the sales department, Vancouver, is the father of a baby boy, born at Calgary on February 1. The mother is the former Miss Helen Madden, of Toronto.

In Our Sports World

Bowling Club, Vancouver

CIRCUITS, with 32 victories and only 13 defeats, won the first-half championship of the B. C. Telephone Mixed Bowling League, Vancouver. Members of the winning team are Miss A. Phillips, Miss P. Terpstra, A. Wall, J. Hillier and R. Harris.

Jacks finished a close second, just one game behind the leaders, while Signals wound up in third place.

The teams have been divided into two divisions for the second-half competition. Signals and Flashes are currently tied for first place in the "A" division, each with seven victories and two defeats. Receivers also have a seven-two count to lead the "B" bracket.

Individual averages, released on January 26 by Miss M. Hickey, secretary, follow:

MEN			
PLAYER	AVE.	PLAYER	AVE.
B. Baillie	219	J. Barker	177
I. Bielby	211	G. Sear	175
A. Wall	210	K. Ordway	173
F. Perkins	208	A. Sill	173
E. McMillan	207	B. Newbold	173
M. Manson	201	J. Henderson	172
A. Marsden	198	K. McCullough	172
J. Weimar	195	B. Docharty	171
G. Purdy	193	A. Nock	170
J. Fursman	192	R. Owen	170
A. Bowley	185	R. Harris	168
J. Borrie	185	S. Adkins	166
L. Foulkes	183	G. Beach	164
W. Cliff	183	N. Pettigrew	164
G. Coussens	183	J. Hillier	161
A. Irvine	183	G. Tyre	161
K. Cavalsky	185	T. Halford	160
K. Haspel	184	S. Elkins	160
P. Bourget	182	J. Sims	160
H. Brown	182	B. Newman	160
J. Smith	180	E. Hilton	159
A. Preston	180	J. Kelly	158
R. Vanderpoel	180	E. Boxer	157
F. Tremblay	179	C. Scott	155
W. Henderson	179	S. Sampson	153
G. Mitchell	181	R. Pickard	149
L. Murray	177	W. Sims	148

PLAYER	AVE.	PLAYER	AVE.
A. McIndoe	147	H. Bolton	131
B. Raftery	147	R. Miller	129
F. Sims	146	C. Price	126
J. Miles	146	S. Jeffs	124
J. Henderson	143	G. Friend	121
D. Weaver	139	T. Sharp	110
V. Miller	138	J. Hart	76
B. Gaines	132		

LADIES

W. Mawer	177	H. Nielson	134
D. Whiteley	176	L. Abrams	133
J. Wilson	162	G. Mitchell	131
M. McLean	161	D. Hoad	129
E. Peel	156	M. Heather	128
M. Hickey	158	L. Townrow	128
A. McDougall	157	M. Warwick	126
K. Ross	153	N. Allen	125
M. Clarke	152	E. Sumpton	124
R. Kalensky	150	P. Terpstra	124
M. McCulloch	150	M. Eaton	121
C. Reid	149	G. Evans	120
B. Hawley	148	A. Phillips	120
O. Marten	148	O. Baldock	121
V. Main	146	M. Bruce	119
M. Fance	143	G. Hanson	118
J. Wilson	141	G. Lawrence	117
M. Parks	141	I. Christianson	116
M. Henley	136	G. Minnis	116
B. Marlor	135	D. Fraser	116
J. Brand	134	E. Blackwood	106
B. Kellett	134		

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Leach's "Old Men" Surprise Youngsters

TUCKING in their long white beards and oiling their creaking joints, a team of "old-timers" entered the Christmas basketball tournament in Vancouver and surprised their younger opponents and everybody else by winning the championship. Captaining the team and playing at guard was Leonard (Gummy) Leach, of the Vancouver plant department. A referee in recent years, Len has developed into a capable whistle tooter.

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A PHOTO of the B. C. Telephone Golf Club has been held over until next issue because of space shortage.

Vancouver and the Mainland

Hastings Traffic

THE following operators have been transferred: Miss Elsie Miles, to Bayview; Miss Grace Robinson, to Dexter; and Miss Beatrice Read, to Glenburn.

A miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. Nellie Pierce in honor of Miss Jessie Hally. The gift from the staff was a chenille bedspread.

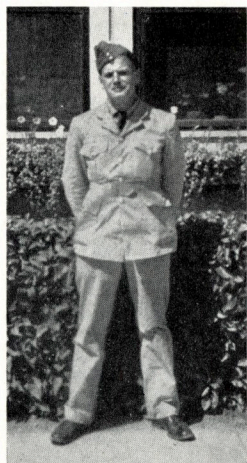
Miss Nancy Scales and Miss Patricia Snelling have resigned to be married.

Members of the Hastings staff again remembered the Old People's Home at Christmas time with gifts of chocolates and tobacco.

The "Hastings Soldiers' Club" sent Christmas gifts of hampers and tobacco to 12 men in service overseas.

The sympathy of the staff is extended to Miss Bernice Milton, whose aunt, Mrs. Dorman, passed away recently.

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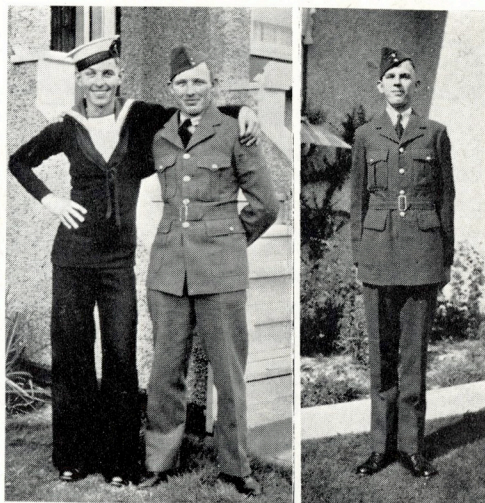
Gnr. M. Wilson, of the R.C.A., a brother of Miss Jean Wilson, Alma operator.

Fairmont Traffic

THE following have resigned to be married: The Misses Doris Baker, Marion Andrews, Grace Hardy, Edna McDonald, Elizabeth Denham and Alice Bell.

A shower was held at the home of Miss Anne Thomson in honor of Miss Edna McDonald.

Miss Mildred



William Tyre, plant accountant, Vancouver, has three sons in service, and here they are. At the left are Stoker P.O. Douglas S. Tyre, R.C.N., and Signalman George H. Tyre, R.C.C.S. At the right is LAC. William A. Tyre, of R.C.A.F., now attached to the R.A.F. George is a peacetime employee of the construction department, Vancouver.

Freeman and Miss Thelma Kimmins have resigned.

Miss Kathleen McDonell and Miss Agnes Wilson have been transferred to Bayview.

Many cards from former employees and flowers from Lobban's Flower Shop were received at Christmas time and very much appreciated.

Miss Doris Lawson was in charge of the Christmas drawing which was very successful. The money received was sent to the Loyal Protestant Home and to sick employees.

Miss Mary Scott has resigned because of her health.

Miss Helen McMaster, formerly a senior operator at Fairmont, has joined the women's division of the Air Force.



John M. Smith, his wife and son, David. Before entering the army, John was with switchboard construction, Vancouver. His father is Fred C. Smith, of Kerrisdale maintenance.

Morrison and Veronica Benner.

Miss Christina McLeod has been made a supervisor and Miss Mavis Smee a senior operator.

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Kerrisdale Traffic

A MISCELLANEOUS shower was held at the home of Miss Susan Milne in honor of Miss Catherine Ross, who has resigned to be married. The staff presented her with flatware.

Miss Jean McClellan has resigned to be married.

Miss Cherreine Parker, Miss Margaret Bathie and Miss Phyllis Hurst have also resigned.

Miss Marguerite Mercer and Miss Kathleen Burns

She passed her recent examinations with honors.

The sympathy of the staff is extended to Miss Jean Lenheiser in the death of her father.

Miss Martha Brandon has resigned to be married.

The following girls have resigned: The Misses Jean McDougall, Gladys Coombe, Jeanette

have been transferred to Bayview and New Westminster, respectively.

The sympathy of the staff is extended to Mrs. E. Green and Miss Morrow, in the loss of their fathers, and to Miss Braidwood, whose brother passed away, recently.

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New Westminister Traffic

A PEN and pencil set was presented to Miss Frances Morgan, who recently resigned to go in training at the Royal Columbian Hospital.

When Miss Virginia Gernaey resigned, she was presented with a pen and pencil set.

Miss Phyllis Jackson, who resigned to be married, was given a set of travelling bags.

A substantial sum was given by the operators to the annual Christmas fund.

Many gifts of chocolates and plants were received by the staff from appreciative subscribers.



Jack Jones, formerly of the cable yard, Vancouver.



Allen C. Dayman, former Nelson groundman, now with the Signal Corps.

KEEP your War Savings Certificates in a safe place and a list of their numbers safely elsewhere.

Vancouver Island

Victoria Traffic

THE Victoria staff again played "Santa Claus" to the children of the Protestant Orphans' Home. The names of members of the staff and children were put into a hat and each girl drew a name, purchasing a suitable gift according to the age of the child. Forty-three gifts were purchased and tied up in gaily colored papers and ribbons.

Numerous Christmas greeting cards were received by the staff from former members of the Victoria office. Cheques, a basket of flowers, a box of individual corsages of roses, and boxes of chocolates were also received, with greetings and best wishes, from subscribers.

The sympathy of the staff is extended to Miss Josephine Duncan, Victoria supervisor, whose father passed away recently.

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Colquitz

MISS HELEN HONEYCHURCH, operator, resigned on January 7, owing to ill-health.



Jackie and Jimmie Redford, sons of John Redford, of the Port Alberni plant department.



Members of the Nanaimo telephone staff on Gabriola Island. Left to right: Miss N. Rowbottom, agent; Miss G. Evans, Miss M. Jepson, Miss A. Bowen, Miss M. Gorton and Miss P. Jepson, all of the traffic department.

Keating

MISS MATILDA PATTERSON, relief operator, resigned to be married on November 18. Prior to her marriage, members of the staff entertained in her honor at the home of Miss V. McNally. During the evening Miss McNally, on behalf of the members of the staff, presented Miss Patterson with a handsome wall mirror, extending their congratulations and best wishes for her future happiness. Several showers were held in Miss Patterson's honor.

St. John's Church, Victoria, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on December 23, when Matilda, only daughter of S. Patterson, became the bride of Paget Little. Rev. W. N. Turner officiated. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Royal Oak Inn, Colwood.

Miss Mary Cruse, relief operator, was transferred to Long Distance, Victoria. Miss V. McNally entertained at a party in honor of Miss Cruse. During the evening the guest of honor was the recipient of a box of silk hosiery

from members of the staff. After games, etc., refreshments were served.

On Christmas Eve a surprise visit was paid to Mrs. C. MacNab, former agent at Keating, who retired recently, by a delegation consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hafer, Capt. and Mrs. Kennaird, and Capt. and Mrs. Torrible. During the evening, Lawrence Hafer presented Mrs. MacNab with a silver salver as a token of appreciation of the service given during the 20 years she was agent. Best wishes for her future health and happiness were extended.

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Parksville

MISS BETTY SMITHERS, relief operator, resigned on January 31 to go East. Before leaving she was the guest of honor at a tea given by members of the staff at the home of Mrs. Shelly. Mr. Morgan, on behalf of members of the staff, presented Miss Smithers with a gold ring, extending good wishes and the best of luck for the future.



Members of Archie Broadfoot's construction gang, Victoria. Left to right: Kneeling—R. Pusey, H. Payne and T. McLaren. Standing—W. Campbell, F. Turner, G. Achenbach, D. McKenzie and Foreman Broadfoot. Photo by Duncan Macphail.

Port Alberni

TWENTY-FIVE members and ex-members of the traffic and commercial departments surprised Miss Jessie Richardson on January 13 at the home of Miss Jean Robinson. The hostess presented the bride-to-be with a corsage of carnations and escorted her to a table laden with gifts that surrounded a miniature delivery truck. During the evening Miss Jean Jackson, on behalf of the staff, presented the guest of honor with a mahogany coffee table, extending congratulations and best wishes for her future happiness.



Peter (left) and Malcolm Egerton Sharp, nephews of Miss Emily Warburton, assistant district traffic supervisor, Victoria. Their father was killed in Hong Kong on December 23, 1941.

Sooke

DEEPEST sympathy is extended to Miss A. Milne, agent, whose father passed away recently.

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Nanaimo

BIDDING farewell to Miss Mildred Gorton, of the traffic department, who recently moved to Victoria, a party was given in her honor recently at the home of Miss Helen Taylor, Stewart avenue. During the evening Miss



Memories of 1942. (1) Miss Anne McNaughton and Miss Jean Davidson, D.S. "A" operators, and Miss Kay McNaughton, on Vancouver Island. (2) Miss Jean Reid, of Bayview, at the Flying "U" ranch. (3) Miss E. McEwan, of North, at the lodge, Mount Garibaldi. (4) Fish caught in Gold Creek, east of Fernie, are "set up in the other alley" by Dick Drew, Nelson foreman. (5) Cultus Lake. Photo by Miss Charlotte Egan. (6) Miss Jean Barclay, Miss Charlotte Egan, of traffic engineering, and Miss Jane Lennie, of D.S. "A", at Cultus Lake.

Gorton was presented with a gold locket and chain, Miss Amy Bowen making the presentation on behalf of the traffic and commercial departments.

Complimenting Miss Joyce Rowbottom, a recent bride and a popular member of the plant department, a miscellaneous shower was held by members of the traffic and commercial departments on November 27 at the home of Miss Phyllis Jepson, Vancouver avenue. The presentation of a walnut coffee table was made by Miss Gwen Evans on behalf of those assembled, and a gift of a pair of wool bed throws was received from the plant department.

The wedding took place on December 5 in St. Andrew's United Church of

Joyce, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rowbottom, pioneer residents of Nanaimo, and Stanley Warren, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Glaspey, of Weyburn, Sask., with Rev. Thos. W. Reed officiating. The attendants were Miss Evelyn Gardner, of Nanaimo, and Len Mumford, of New Westminster.

Sympathy is extended to Miss Betty Pincott, of the commercial department, whose mother passed away recently. Flowers were sent from the three departments.

KEEP your War Savings Certificates in a safe place, and a list of their numbers safely elsewhere.

Bouquets in Our Mail Bag

Praise from Air Force

TRIBUTE to the assistance which the British Columbia Telephone Company gives to the Aircraft Detection Corps is paid in the following letter, addressed to the company in Vancouver:

"Receipt is acknowledged of copies of the December issue of your magazine TELEPHONE TALK which contained an article by Squadron Leader H. J. Hollingum, written on behalf of the Aircraft Detection Corps.

"The valuable co-operation and assistance which you have given and are giving in furnishing speedy and reliable communications, for the forwarding of Aircraft Detection Corps reports, is greatly appreciated."

—WING COMMANDER E. B. GOODSPEED,
Royal Canadian Air Force, Ottawa,
Ontario.

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Compliment for B. C. Telephone Ads

THE following letter was addressed to the British Columbia Telephone Company, Vancouver:

"We have noticed with great interest the miniature reproductions of two ARP advertisements on Page 18 of your excellent November-December TELEPHONE TALK.

"These are the best of their type that we have seen. Could you favor us with a proof of the series, if there are more than these two?"

—F. M. BEAUBIEN,
Wallace Advertising Limited,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

(The advertisements referred to—"Suppose There Is a Big Bang Tonight" and "Is There an Air Raid



Purdys on parade! Marching along are Lloyd Purdy, Jr., Mrs. Lloyd Purdy, Sr., Harry Purdy and a friend. Lloyd, Jr., and Harry are sons of Lloyd Purdy, of cable maintenance, Vancouver.

Alarm?"—were inserted by the Telephone Company in B. C. daily newspapers and reproduced later in TELEPHONE TALK.—EDITOR.)

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A Cheer for Sear

GEORGE SEAR, of the Vancouver installation department, is the recipient of the "bouquet" in the following letter from a Vancouver subscriber:

"I wish to express my appreciation of the prompt service rendered when I applied to have our telephone moved in the house. This prompt service is commendable. I also would like to add a word about the man who did the work. He was expeditious in his efforts, polite in his manner, neat and clean, and did not waste a moment in getting down to the job. I feel sure that it is due to the polite and courteous service of your men that makes the Telephone Company such a success."

—VICTOR CHIVERS-WILSON,
3992 Fraser Street, Vancouver.

For Miss Dorothy Thomson
 APPRECIATION of service rendered on a long-distance call to Nova Scotia on December 13 was expressed in a letter to the Telephone Company. The call was handled by Miss Dorothy Thomson, of the Vancouver Long-Distance staff. The letter follows:

"In these very upsetting days when we seem to have so many complaints about everything in general, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know of a very efficient Long Distance service rendered me Sunday, December 13th. So often heads of departments are unaware of what goes on.

"I had to get an emergency call to New Carlisle on the Gaspé Coast, where I am positive Vancouver has never called before, and in 13 minutes I was talking to the party. After the conversation was over, Central called and said she was sorry the party's voice was so weak (there was a reason for it) that she could hear the operator at New Carlisle distinctly. I do so appreciate such excellent service."

—MRS. F. P. PATTERSON,
 1763 West 59th Avenue,
 Vancouver.

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A "Thank You" to Victoria Operators

APPRECIATION for Christmas gifts sent to the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home was expressed in the following letter addressed to Miss E. R. Walker, district traffic supervisor, of the B. C. Telephone Company, Victoria:

"We want to convey to you and the girls our sincere thanks for the lovely gifts sent to the children. They were so pleased with them, and we do appreciate your kindness.

"Strange to say, in spite of a war on, our children never fared better. A number of people came up to the Home Christmas afternoon to see if the children had been neglected on account of the war and asked if we were in need of

anything. We assured them they were well taken care of by the friends of the Home.

"Again thanking you all . . ."

—MRS. ISABELLA C. ELLIOTT,
 British Columbia Protestant
 Orphans' Home, Hillside
 Avenue, Victoria.

Your November War Savings Certificates

COMPLAINTS have been received by the Telephone Employees' War Savings Committee because of the late delivery of November War Savings Certificates. The primary reason for the delay was the fact that a telegram from the Registrar of War Savings Certificates in Ottawa with regard to the November subscription list was not received by the paymaster. By the time the matter had been finally cleared delivery of the certificates was overdue. This is the first occasion the normal period of delivery has been exceeded.

McNeish Heads School Board in Vancouver

PETER McNEISH, well-known retired B. C. Telephone man, has been named chairman of the Vancouver School Board for 1943. He has been a trustee for two years.

When Pete McNeish retired in 1937, he had been 47 years in the telephone business, 32 with the B. C. Telephone Company. For many years he had charge of the company's installation department in Vancouver.

He was a member of the South Vancouver School Board for seven years and chairman of that body in 1926.

TELEPHONE TALK extends congratulations to Pete on the honor the Vancouver School Board has conferred on him.

Statement of Development, January 1, 1943

British Columbia Telephone Co.	No. of Tels. Jan. 1, 1941	No. of Tels. Jan. 1, 1942	No. of Tels. Dec. 1, 1942	No. of Tels. Jan. 1, 1943
Abbotsford	395	417	426	429
Agassiz	153	158	158	159
Albion	220	256	263	267
Aldergrove	78	79	82	82
Balfour	10	11	13	13
Belmont	217	263	284	285
Bridge River Mines	119	119	111	110
Chase	38	37	37	37
Chemainus	323	326	315	316
Cloverdale	563	595	620	622
Cobble Hill	226	234	231	228
Colquitz	395	426	471	477
Courtenay	811	877	876	876
Cumberland	316	303	289	291
Duncan	1,336	1,378	1,369	1,373
Ganges	201	218	222	221
Golden	54	58	60	60
Grand Forks	257	256	253	253
Greenwood	47	42	44	44
Hammond	204	214	197	197
Haney	476	501	444	445
Hope	69	75	82	82
Invermere	81	79	78	77
Kamloops	1,957	2,004	2,066	2,067
Kaslo	72	72	84	85
Keating	285	318	321	323
Keremeos	61	63	61	61
Ladner	442	495	499	507
Ladysmith	350	369	380	380
Langley	541	584	608	615
Mayne Island	48	62	58	61
Merritt	171	169	167	165
Nakusp	32	33	32	32
Nanaimo	2,449	2,606	2,675	2,676
Nelson	1,985	1,986	2,000	2,003
New Denver	67	67	69	72
New Westminster	5,740	6,181	6,367	6,395
North Vancouver	3,311	3,669	4,001	4,001
Oliver	164	185	205	207
Parksville	247	271	267	265
Port Alberni	1,637	1,725	1,797	1,803
Port Coquitlam	197	207	211	212
Port Moody	166	184	186	186
Princeton	154	156	156	157
Richmond	954	1,070	1,017	1,022
Rock Creek	29	32	28	28
Rossland	406	431	441	447
Sidney	402	533	684	695
Sooke	41	48	48	47
Trail	2,341	2,529	2,578	2,601
Vancouver	80,461	86,220	88,492	88,833
Victoria	19,907	21,766	22,497	22,535
West Vancouver	2,038	2,324	2,467	2,487
†Westwold	10	10	11	11
Toll Stations	512	516	525	524
Totals	133,766	143,807	147,923	148,447
Chilliwack Telephones Ltd.	1,130	1,193	1,257	1,264
Kootenay Telephone Co. Ltd.				
Cranbrook	493	495	489	487
Creston	214	230	239	237
Fernie	191	205	220	220
Kimberley	186	213	214	219
Michel	60	58	56	54
Toll Stations	36	36	31	29
Totals	1,180	1,237	1,249	1,246
North-west Telephone Co.				
Campbell River	103	112	112	112
Ocean Falls	147	146	153	153
Powell River	1,123	1,210	1,214	1,210
Prince George	331	367	410	405
Toll Stations	4	2	3	3
Totals	1,708	1,837	1,892	1,883
Mission Telephone Co. Ltd.	335	355	358	360
Totals for above companies	138,119	148,429	152,679	153,200
(Gain from January 1, 1942, to January 1, 1943, 3.2%)				
Connecting companies in B. C.	8,354	8,662	9,149	9,121
Totals including connecting companies	146,473	157,091	161,828	162,321
†Operated from Kamloops.				

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