

Jordan River Contract Let

B.C. Hydro has awarded the second of two major contracts for redevelopment of the Jordan River power project on the southwestern tip of Vancouver Island.

Emil Anderson Construction Co. Ltd. of Hope, B.C., lowest of seven bidders, won the contract to build a new concrete dam and a 150,000-kilowatt powerplant at a price of \$9,547,957.

The same company last winter was awarded the first major Jordan River contract, for construction of a 3 1/2 mile long, 16-foot-diameter power tunnel. The tunnel will replace a wooden flume which has carried water to the existing 26,000-kilowatt generating plant for more than 50 years.

Under the new contract, Emil Anderson will build the new 430-foot-long, 117-foot-high dam on the Jordan River 1 1/2 miles downstream of the existing Diversion Dam, which was built between 1909 and 1911. Both Diversion Dam and Bear Creek Dam, five miles upstream, are to be rehabilitated under the present redevelopment program.

The new dam will be called Elliott Dam after J.M. (Jack) Elliott, former superintendent of the Jordan River Generating Station.

The contractor also will build the new power station to

house a 218,000-horsepower turbine and generator unit. The turbine is being built by Nissho-Iwai Company Limited of Japan and the generator by Mitsubishi Canada Limited.

Another Jordan River contract just awarded by Hydro went to Newton Chambers Engineering Limited for gates at the low level outlets of Elliott and Diversion Dams, at the intake of the power tunnel and at the points where water will be released from the new powerplant. This contract also includes a five-ton crane to lift the gates at the powerhouse. Newton Chambers were lowest of four bidders at \$219,071.

Labor force working on the redevelopment project is expected to reach a peak of about 250 by December, including about 100 employed on the dam and powerhouse contract.

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