

**PAYROLL IS
A LARGE ONE**

**\$70,000 PER MONTH
PAID AT JORDAN RIVER**

**Large Force of Men Employed—
Expenditure to Date of Half
Million Dollars.**

Excellent progress is being made on the work of installing the immense electrical generating plant at Jordan river for the Vancouver Island Power Company, a subsidiary concern of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, and there is every indication that the project will be completed early in the coming year, in accordance with the calculations which were made previous to the commencement of the undertaking. Some delays have been experienced in securing delivery of pipes, otherwise it would be possible to record even greater progress.

Some idea of the immensity of the project will be gathered when it is stated that there is now a force of no less than 725 men being steadily employed at the site of the power house. It is computed that the company has expended to date the sum of \$600,000 and that the greater proportion of this amount has been paid out in wages. The payroll averages \$70,000 per month. The bulk of this huge expenditure has been contributed to the upbuilding of Victoria, as here all the supplies are purchased and the men employed make the city their headquarters. Only a small proportion of the total expenditure has thus far been for machinery and plant.

The undertaking has proved one of great difficulty owing to the exceedingly rough and broken topographical features of the country where the site for the power house has been chosen. Many thousands of dollars had to be expended in land-clearing preparatory to the actual work on the installation of the power house and system.