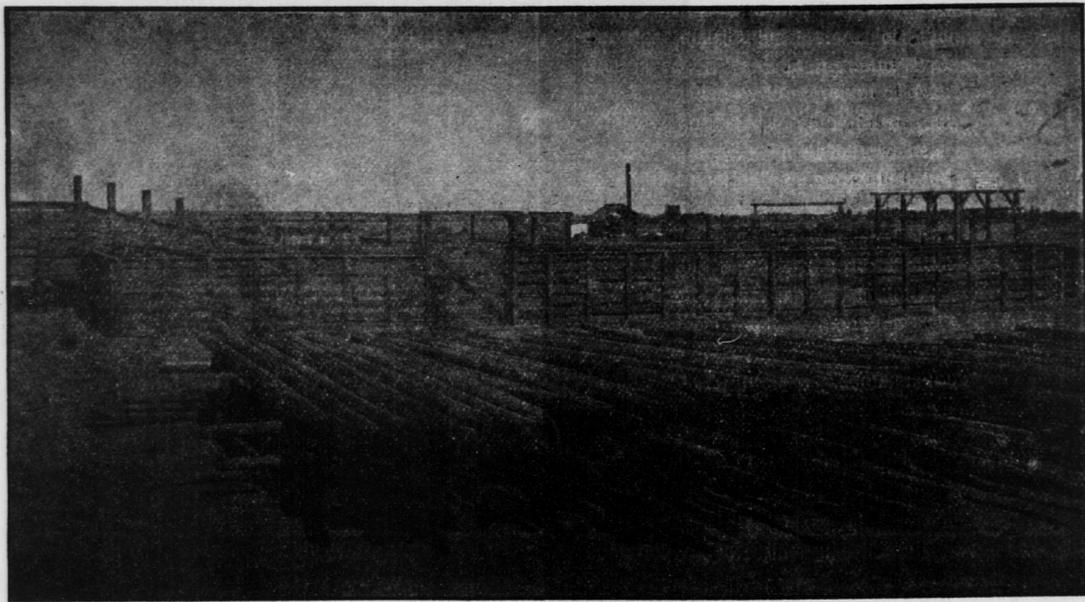


tion with no further attention. The power line is equipped with seven wires from Holtville to El Centro, and a lesser number to Imperial and Brawley. The line to Calexico has not yet been completed, the strenuous times through which that town has recently passed having caused the demand for electric lights and power to give way to other things. However, the subsidence of the flood having left Calexico safe and very little harmed we expect to see her go ahead now and soon be demanding and using her share of the electric power and lights provided by the Holton Power company for the entire Valley. In each of the towns of El Centro, Imperial, Brawley and Calexico a substation has been built by the Holton Power company. In these substations the transformers for that particular town will be placed and from this substation the electric light and power distributing system for that town will be operated. These substations are already in operation in El Centro, Imperial and Brawley. Here at El Centro electric lights are furnished to the ice manufacturing plant, cantaloupe shipping shed and to the hotels, restaurants and business houses. Power is furnished the ice plant, the cantaloupe shipping shed, the town water works, the El Centro Foundry and Machine Works and for numerous electric fans. A total of about 125 horse power of the electrical current is thus already in use in El Centro. At Imperial somewhat different conditions obtained, the town having been supplied for some time past by the small steam electric plant of the Holton Power company located at that place. This plant was built in 1902 by the promoters of Imperial and was more of a bluff than anything else, being built of second hand machinery of a most primitive type. However, when the Holton Power company bought the electric light and power franchises in all the Imperial Land company's towns in the Valley, the little ice and electric plant at Imperial



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was included in the purchase. The electrical distributing system of this plant however, was of a different type to that installed by the Holton Power company, so it had to all be taken out and put in anew. This has now been done and Imperial is being lighted and supplied with power from the Holtville plant. The little ice machine at Imperial is still being run by the Holton Power company for the reason that the demand for ice vastly exceeds the supply and they are compelled to run it. Just as soon as the heavy demand for ice is past this plant will be shut down and the boilers and machinery removed to El Centro, where it will be installed as an auxiliary to the ice manufacturing and cold storage plant already in operation and will be used to distill water, operate the creamery and as a source of power in case it is desired to shut down the electric plant at Holtville for repairs or any other purpose. The demand for power at Imperial has not reached any considerable proportions as yet and probably will not unless more industries are established there.

At present power is being supplied to run the pump for the Southern Pacific railway, to operate the creamery, to pump water for the town and to run the printing machinery for the Imperial Standard. Also for numerous electric fans. There is a total of about 40 horse power of electric current in use in Imperial at the present time.

At Brawley the substation has been built and fully equipped, the electric lighting system has been put in for the town and the town is very well lighted. Electricity for power is now being supplied to the Brawley cantaloupe growers' association and for pumping water for the town and several orders for motors for other enterprises have already been received. There is now about 30 horse power of electrical current in use in Brawley and this will no doubt be speedily increased to 50 horse power.

At Holtville a local distributing system lights the town, operates a num-

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