

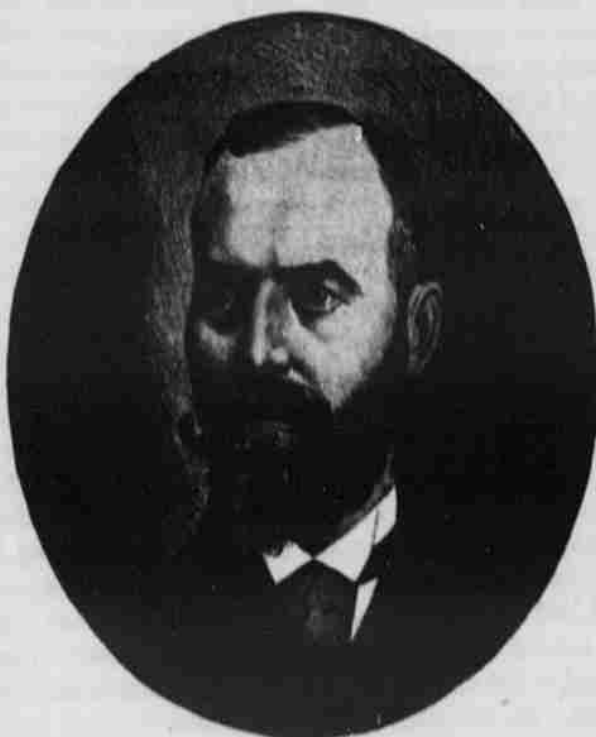
building shown in the two large views is the property of the company. Good, roomy houses, hard finished and neatly painted, are rented at \$7.50 per month to employes having families, and the others are boarded for \$5.00 a week. It would seem as though this were the workman's Utopia, for with good wages, steady work, no saloons or other temptations for him to squander his money, and kind and courteous treatment, how can a man fail to be satisfied with his lot and lay up a competency for old age? Wages are paid regularly and in cash. Not an idle man can be found. The company has a good store, with a large and well assorted stock of goods, but the "store order" system is not in vogue there, and the store exists more as an accommodation to the men than as a means of making money out of them. A very large trade is enjoyed with settlers on the islands, of whom it must be remembered there are a great many, who come to the harbor in boats and on horseback. Mr. J. R. D. Conger is manager of the mercantile department and also has charge of the fuel supplies and considerable other of the outside business. A very complete system of book keeping is carried on, which is in charge of Mr. John H. Cartwright.

Roehe harbor is a port of entry, and many vessels employed in the trade between the ports of British Columbia and this country enter and clear there. A deputy collector and an inspector are stationed there, who report to the main office at Port Townsend. The office is fully equipped, and any business with the custom house of whatever nature can be transacted there the same as at Port Townsend. Vessels also save pilotage entering and clearing there when bound to and from San Francisco and British Columbia ports. A small mail steamer, the *J. B. Libby*, furnishes daily communication with Port Townsend and Whatcom, and runs to Seattle once a week. The *Skagit Chief* makes two trips a week, touching at all sound ports between this point and Tacoma. The Canadian Pacific Navigation Company's steamer *Premier* touches there four times a week on the route between Tacoma and Vancouver.

The large steamer *Idaho* makes three trips a month between Portland and British Columbia ports, stopping at that port, and the O. R. & N. Co. will soon put on the *City of Topeka* to assist her in handling the business of the route. The large steamer *Wilmington*, on the route from San Francisco to the sound ports also calls there. The *George E. Starr* and the *Eliza Anderson* will also make two trips a week each between Seattle and Vancouver, stopping at Roche harbor both ways, and a new line from Victoria to Whatcom will soon be put on. In addition to all these facilities for shipping, the company expects soon to purchase and operate steamers and barges of its own. The harbor is one of the very best. Nature could not have done more. It is en-

tirely land locked, easy and perfect anchorage, and not a rock or shoal in it.

The company has built a neat church edifice, called "Bellevue Chapel," in which a district school is maintained, and which is open to the free use of all denominations for religious services or for public gatherings of any kind. It is provided with modern school furniture and seats and has an organ. Sunday school is held there regularly, and twice a month a Methodist minister holds services, while a Presbyterian comes once a month. A free reading room will be fitted up over the store as soon as the improvements



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now in progress are completed. From a reservoir on the hill above the works water will be supplied in pipes to the entire town, both for domestic purposes and for protection from fire, the reservoir being filled by the pump at the compressed air engine.

The Tacoma & Roche Harbor Lime Company is composed of several well known business men. John S. McMillin is president and general manager, C. P. Masterson and L. R. Manning, of the Pacific National Bank of Tacoma, are vice president and treasurer, Jas. M. Keen is secretary, T. B. Wallace and Isaac W. Anderson, of Tacoma, being the directors. W. W. Kirkwood, of Portland, Hugh Wallace, of Tacoma, Henry Cowell, of San Francisco, and several eastern parties hold the remainder of the stock. The organ-