

## PUGET SOUND &amp; WILLAPA HARBOR RAILWAY

## VALUATION SECTION WASHINGTON 1.

The Puget Sound and Willapa Harbor Railway extends about 66 miles in a general westerly direction from a connection with the C. M. & St. P. Railway Company's Grays Harbor line at Maytown, Washington, to Raymond, Washington, which is situated on the tide flats along the Willapa River. The line passes through the important towns of Centralia and Chehalis and serves the rich timber country along the Chehalis and Willapa Rivers.

Records show that a large amount of reconnoissance and survey work was required to produce the line as adopted and constructed. An attempt was made to connect with the C. M. & St. P. Ry. at Helsing Junction, but this line did not develop favorably when surveyed. Seven distinct reconnoissance surveys were made, the first in September 1910, and the last in June 1913, a total of 161 miles being covered. About 120 miles of preliminary survey and 100 miles of location survey were made or about two miles of preliminary, and one and one-half miles of location for each mile of adopted line. The preliminary and location surveys were made between March and August 1913.

Construction prior to track laying was carried on under the supervision of a Chief Engineer with eight Resident Engineers and Parties. After track laying the engineering force was materially reduced, but considerable construction was carried on in the way of widening cuts and embankments, building depots, telephone lines, fence, etc. Construction was begun in August, 1913, and completed for track laying in July, 1915.

Contracts for clearing, grubbing, grading, bridge and culvert work were let to three contractors; Guthrie McDougall & Company having the work on Miles One to Forty-two inclusive, and Miles Sixty-five and Sixty-six; Hans Pederson, Miles Forty-three to Fifty-four inclusive, and the Willapa Construction Company, Miles Fifty-three to Sixty-four inclusive.







