

BELL TELEPHONE PLANS TO SPEND \$100,000,000

Great Expansion Program Announced for Coming Five Years

WORK HERE \$100,000

One hundred million dollars will be added to the Michigan Bell Telephone company's plant during the next five years, it is indicated by President Burch Foraker's announcement of the company's expansion program for 1926 and that projected for 1927.

Gross additions made to the tele-

phone plant for this state during 1926, with November and December estimated, totaled \$21,161,000, Mr. Foraker shows. The company's 1927 expansion program is expected to total almost \$28,000,000, and is based upon the telephone engineers' belief in what will be required to meet service needs the coming year, with reasonable provision for the future.

Mr. Foraker's announcement also indicates that approximately 46,000 telephones were added to the plant during 1926, compared with a gain of 45,000 in 1925 and a similar increase is looked for the coming 12 months. It is anticipated that the number of telephones served by the Michigan Bell company will pass the three-quarter million mark before the end of 1931.

Of the \$28,000,000 to be spent on telephone plant expansion the coming year, \$4,500,000 will be devoted to construction of buildings and purchase of sites and right-of-way; \$7,872,000 will be for central office equipment; \$1,131,000 will be for subscribers' tele-

phone equipment; \$9,650,000 will be for exchange lines and \$3,395,000 will be for toll lines. Purchases of material for this and other work will total enormous amounts, including 3,550,000 pounds of conductor wire in cable, 1,787,000 pounds of bare copper wire, 523,000 pounds of galvanized iron wire, 72,079,000 conductor feet of insulated copper wire, 1,886,150 feet of clay conduit, 47,990 crossarms and 46,000 poles.

Plant investment per telephone in service is increasing steadily, Mr. Foraker shows, being \$190.04 at present, compared with \$155.69 in 1926. Indications are that it will reach \$250.82 per telephone by 1931.

Many Exchanges Benefit

The Michigan Bell will continue heavy expansion in all departments of its work during 1927, and exchanges throughout the state will benefit. Large expenditures will be made for new and better telephone plants at a number of points. Type of equipment will be changed at others, more central offices will be added at such points as Flint and Flint and millions of dollars worth of new exchange lines and toll cable will be constructed. Much of this work already is underway and scheduled to be completed during 1927.

Among the exchanges where major plant construction expenditures are projected for 1927 are: Grand Rapids, \$300,000; Kalamazoo, \$100,000; Lansing, \$100,000; Detroit, \$3,500,000; Allegan, \$17,000; Ann Arbor, \$21,000; Battle Creek, \$75,000; Niles, \$35,000; Flint, \$275,000; Pontiac, \$290,000; Birmingham, \$100,000; Saginaw, \$100,000; Bay City, \$100,000. The program contemplates heavier investment in 2,800,000,000 feet of copper wire in cable at various exchanges, in addition to that to be added to the toll and long distance system.

The Michigan Bell now has 1,697,000 miles of wire in service with the prospect that the state's telephone lines will be increased to more than 2,000,000 miles in 1927. More than half a million miles of wire has been added to the state's telephone plant since 1924.

Some of the larger outside plant construction items for 1926 were: Grand Rapids, \$350,000; Kalamazoo, \$200,000; Lansing, \$150,000; Detroit, \$3,250,000; Battle Creek, \$75,000; Ypsilanti, \$50,000; Monroeville, \$50,000; Birmingham, \$150,000; Flint, \$200,000; Pontiac, \$200,000; Saeed, \$75,000. These items included placing in service 2,500,000,000 feet of wire cast in cable.

Over the five-year period 1927-1931 inclusive—major expenditures for outside plant work will be made at many other cities and towns, including Alesand, Big Rapids, Charlotte, Easton Rapids, Ponton, Harbor Springs, How Hill,

Heir To Throne Of Roumania



Prince Michael, heir to Roumanian throne.

Although there has been much discussion as to who would succeed to the throne of Roumania when King Ferdinand died, the great heir remains Prince Michael, five years old, son of Princess Helene of Greece. His father, Prince Carol, son of King Ferdinand, renounced his own claims. This portrait of the heir apparenthas just been received from abroad.

view now buildings and additional number of points, these structures, with site and equipment cost, are as follows: Iron Mountain, \$100,000; Kalamazoo, \$94,000; Niles, \$35,000; Grand Rapids, \$145,000; Birmingham, \$29,000; Ironwood, \$1,000; Detroit, \$1,000,000; Second building in five years \$247,000; Escalante, \$100,000; month, \$102,000; Trenton, \$3,000; Wyandotte, \$187,000; Ypsilanti, \$145,000. In addition, the following projects have been started: Detroit tall and long distance central office will be equipped and enlarged at an estimated cost of \$1,100,000.

New Building Here
During 1926, the Michigan Bell Telephone company placed in service Telephone buildings erected by

post two years or more under construction and contemplated for the immediate future, represent an investment, exclusive of their equipment and outside plant, of \$8,036,000, with consequent large employment of local labor and material.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Lewis G. Platon and Dorothy B. Platon, his wife, of the Village of Ferndale, County of Oakland and State of Michigan to William O. Martineau, which said mortgage was dated the 15th day of January, A. D. 1922, and was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Oakland County, Michigan, Book 13-18 Oakland County, the second day of said mortgage, whereby the same was foreclosed.

upon said mortgage principal and interest the sum of \$114.14 and on such proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover said money and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case on that on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of March, A. D. 1927, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at said Eastern Standard Time, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland sits, the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to realize the amount due on said mortgage together with every year interest thereon, premium and all legal costs allowed by law, and provided for in said mortgage, including attorney fee, the following described premises situate in the County of Pontiac, State of Michigan, and described as follows: Lot numbered One Hundred Twenty-six (126) Woodward Park Subdivision of part of Section 27 and 28, Town 1 North, Range 11 East, Township of Royal Oak, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, as shown on the plat thereof recorded with the Register of Deeds of Oakland County, Michigan in Book 11 of Plats, page 72. Dated December 16, 1924.

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