

ern waterfront, the system to continue down to the ferry slips at the end of West Seventh Street.

Boulevard "Stops" Vital

In this connection, too, I would advocate the protection of the entire length of Fourteenth Street westerly from and including Grove Street by boulevard stops. West Fourteenth is now used as a route to the auto ferry by a far greater percentage of vehicular traffic than is West Seventh Street. The traffic is and, I am convinced, should be fast, and boulevard stops will give the protection desired.

MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY

In the past year the East Bay Municipal Utility District, of which the City of Oakland comprises the largest and most populous area, has practically completed its object—namely, that of bringing to the various communities of the district water from the High Sierras. Not only are Oakland and her neighboring cities to be congratulated upon now having an unfailing source of pure water, but the officials, under the active and inspiring leadership of Doctor Geo. C. Pardee, ex-Governor of the State of California and ex-Mayor of the city, are likewise to be congratulated upon the completion of this project. The work was done in record time.

During the year also, the Municipal Utility District purchased and took over the entire holdings and distribution system of the East Bay Water Company. This means that now Oakland owns her own water supply and distributes it through city owned facilities.

To meet the cost of interest and redemption of the bonds voted by the people when the district was created, the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County fixed, in accordance with request from the district heads, an annual amount on the tax levy. For the present fiscal year 50 cents has been added to the county tax rate for this purpose. As time goes on and the profits of the water district return to the people, this item on the annual tax levy will probably find gradual reduction. In time, therefore, the taxpayers of Oakland will own their own water supply and distribution system, and the profits instead of going into private fortunes will be used to reduce individual water charges. This will mean much to householders, manufacturing concerns and great industries of our city.

I must add here, however, my oft expressed regrets that the East Bay Municipal Utility District did not include in its plans **hydro-electric power**. With cheap water rates and cheap power rates, the City of Oakland, which is increasingly becoming a pre-eminently industrial community, would have been able to offer likewise increasing advantages to manufacturing concerns and industrial plants. I hope and would recommend that in the future the district take up this matter of power development. Municipal power plants have proven in many sections of this country, and in Canada, to result in cutting power rates in half.



Castlemont High School, Foothill Boulevard and Eighty-fifth Avenue; constructed in 1929 at a cost of \$516,000. Capacity: 70 teachers and 1,680 pupils.