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Marsman Organization Ends Another Year Of Achievement

The production of ₱1,325,255.50 from 54,999 tons of ore milled and 348,450 cubic yards of gravel dredged in December brought the 1938 gold output of the Marsman-managed mining companies to ₱14,680,873.94 from the treatment of 663,657 tons of ore and 3,908,792 cubic yards of gravel. The total is more than ₱6,000,000 over that of 1937, an increase of around 75%.

In addition to the greatly increased gold production, the other activities of the organization wound up the year in excellent condition. Marsman Building Corporation has the construction of the new home and office building of the United States High Commissioner, started a few months ago, well under way. The 50-ton milling plant under

construction for the Tuba project in Camarines Norte is nearing completion, and will be in operation by March. Arrangements have been made for the return of the bucket-type dredger "Rotterdam" to Paracale, to augment the two new dredgers, "Mary Angus" and "Anne Petronella" in dredging operations.

One of the first decisions made by the board of directors of the Marsman Building Corporation in 1939 was at a recent meeting, when it was decided to proceed immediately with the construction of a new Marsman Office Building, to be located in front of the present temporary headquarters of the organization, in the Port Area in Manila.

M. P. FRANCO TO CONCENTRATE ON FREIGHT SERVICE

The freight service of M. P. Franco, Inc. has increased so rapidly during the past few years that it has been found advisable to concentrate the activities of the company on that branch of the transportation service. As a result, announcement has been made of the sale of the passenger service of M. P. Franco to Dangwa Transportation Company; the buses which serve the mining camps in the Baguio district were turned over to Dangwa on January 1, 1939, subject to approval of the Public Service Commission. In this way the company will be able to improve its freight service to the various mining properties in the Baguio district.

M. P. Franco was founded in 1928 by Mr. Marsman to supply much needed

transportation service to the then-small mining industry of the Baguio district. Regular schedules were maintained to the mining camps, and freight was hauled to and from the railroad centers in the lowlands to the various mining properties. By 1938 some 35 buses were in operation, and employees of the various mining companies, as well as the general public, had come to depend upon M. P. Franco for rapid and efficient transportation.

As the mining industry continued to grow, M. P. Franco grew along with it, and, as mining in the Mountain Province becomes of more and more importance in the years to come, M. P. Franco will as in the past be a vital factor in this development.