

PIPELINE IN SAHARA.

One of the toughest engineering jobs in the world is the laying of this new oil pipeline across the French Algerian desert. Starting 370 miles inland, across mountains and uninhabited wastes this line will carry oil to the Mediterranean seaport of Bougie. Local labour using the very latest in equipment like this trench digger, assemble and bury the prefabricated pipe at the remarkable speed of two miles a day. In all, 73,000 tons of pipe will be used.

At one time, oil pipes were left above the ground calling for a great deal of inspection and maintenance. They also provided a tempting target for marauding tribesmen. Now, covered with a protective material, they can be buried and virtually forgotten.

When completed, this project will have a yearly flow of fourteen million tons of oil. With Europe's supply further east under constant threat, this development will do much to ensure the flow nearer home, and bring additional prosperity to France.