

**Donnacona Cutoff.**—Tenders were received to Sept. 15, for building a cutoff between Donnacona, Grand Mere Subdivision and mile 16, La Tuque Subdivision, Quebec District, Central Region. Donnacona is at mile 32 from Quebec on a line built by the Canadian Northern Ry. and connecting with the old Quebec & St. John Ry. at Grand Mere; and mile 16, La Tuque Subdivision, is near St. Augustine, on the National Transcontinental Ry. The two lines run comparatively close together from Quebec, and near Donnacona are only about 2 miles apart. The old Canadian Northern line is reported to be subject to landslides, and to cost a good deal to keep open in winter, owing to snow. The reason for building the cutoff is to do away with the necessity of maintaining two lines serving practically the same area, and by diverting the traffic to the National Transcontinental Ry., to make use of the better of the two lines. The diversion will start about half a mile east of Donnacona, mile 30.92, Grand Mere Subdivision, and run to about a mile east of Domburg, mile 15.88, La Tuque Subdivision, and will be 6.30 miles long. The gradients will be 1% uncompensated, with a short stretch of 1.3% momentum; with a minimum of 2 degrees, and a maximum of 4 degrees of curvature. The structures will consist of four concrete box culverts and one overhead crossing of the Montreal highway. The contractor will be required to complete all the work necessary for a single track railway, except tracklaying, ballasting, train fill and buildings, which will be done by the railways' own forces. The construction of the diversion will permit the abandonment and save the maintaining of about 19 miles of track.

**Victoria Jubilee Bridge.**—Repairs to

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