

**Chateauguay and Northern Ry.**— has been served on the municipality of I Point, Que., to the effect that the company prepared to proceed with the construction of an electric railway on the main road of the municipality, and to connect the same with the main line of the C. and N. Ry. at the lines of the Montreal Terminal Ry. The line proposed to be constructed covers the district which the Montreal Park and Island Ry. Co. desired to enter, but which it was enjoined by the courts from entering.

By an arrangement with the C.P.R. the C. and N. trains will be switched over the former's lines from Hochelaga to the wharves, so that for some time it will not be necessary to construct an independent line to the water front.

Rapid progress has been made with the bridges over the river at Bout de l'Isle, and it is expected that the line will be opened for freight traffic early in Oct. The steel work on the western section of the bridge is nearly completed. The grading between Charlemagne, on the mainland, and Joliette is well forward and was expected to be completed by the end of Sept. Tracklaying has been going on for some time, and four miles, between L'Epiphanie and L'Assomption, was laid early in Sept. The rails, ties, etc., are all on the spot ready for laying. (Sept., pg. 305.)

The Colchester Coal and Ry. Co. has been incorporated under the Nova Scotia Companies' act with a capital of \$1,000,000, the promoters being J. Fleming, Halifax, and J. Hayes, M.D., Parrsboro, N.S., who have associated with them a number of prominent men, including officials of the Dominion Atlantic Ry. The company owns considerable coal areas at Debert, and has completed surveys for four miles of railway from the mines to Debert station on the I.C.R. There are no engineering difficulties in the way of construction; the grade will not exceed 1%, the total rise from the Debert station to the mine being only 150 ft., or 1 ft. in 140 ft. R. Archibald, C.E., made the surveys and is in charge of operations at the mine. (July, pg. 234.)

October 1903