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Railway Projects, Surveys, Construction, Betterments, Etc.

Alberta and Great Waterways Ry.—The Alberta Minister of Railways, Mr. V. M. Smith, and four other members of the Government, returned to Edmonton, April 30, from a trip of inspection over the railways to New Waterways. The Lieutenant-Governor, Chief Justice Harvey, and several other guests were taken on the trip. The principal object was to look over the route of the proposed extension from New Waterways to the Alberta salt works plant, and the tar sand areas, which are being developed by the Alta-pave Co. The Premier is reported to have stated, on his return, that while there was much to be said in favor of the project there were substantial problems in connection with it, one of them being the necessity of building the extension round a hill that runs to the river's edge half a mile or more beyond

is to determine the exact character of the strata through which the foundation excavations will have to be made. (April, pg. 260.)

Chicoutimi, Hebertville or Chute-a-Caron to Mistassini.—The Quebec Legislature has voted \$5,000 a mile towards the construction of a railway not exceeding 75 miles long from Mistassini, Lake St. John County, easterly to Chute-a-Caron, Chicoutimi County; or Hebertville, Lake St. John County, or Chicoutimi, Chicoutimi County. This is available to any company undertaking the construction of the line. The Roberval and Saguenay Ry., owned by the Aluminum Co. of Canada, has extended its line from Hebertville across the Saguenay River to Chute-a-Caron, and has authority to extend it to the Peribonka River, which would cover a considerable

Nipissing Central Ry.—A Quebec press report states that an arrangement has been reached between the Ontario and Quebec Governments relative to the lands in Quebec required for the right of way for the extension of the line from Cheminis, Ont., to Lake Osisko, Rouyn District, Que., about 30 miles. It is stated that the N.C.Ry. will have to observe the Quebec expropriation laws, and compensate holders of timber limits, mining companies and others whose lands may be taken over. The right of way will be 100 ft. wide, with 200 ft. at each of the stations to be provided. (May, pg. 263.) Tenders for the construction of the line ready for the ties and rails were received by the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Ry. Commission up to May 12, and the contract was given to Angus and Taylor, North Bay, **Pamphina Valley Ry.**—The 27-mile line

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be widened."

Nipissing Central Ry. - The Board of Railway Commissioners passed order 39,313, July 8, approving revised location of the line near the town of Rouyn, Que., mile 56.11 to 59.21, from Swastika, Ont.

We were advised officially, Aug. 11, that satisfactory progress was being made with the grading, culverts and trestle work on the extension of the line from the inter-provincial boundary at Cheminis, Ont., to Rouyn, Que. Track-laying was scheduled to be started Aug. 18, and it was expected that the grading would be sufficiently advanced to permit of track-laying work to be proceeded with to Rouyn without serious interruption, and the management was hopeful that the extension would be open for traffic by Christmas. (July, pg. 410.)

Pacific Great Eastern Ry. - A press

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pp. 510 and 511.

Nipissing Central Ry. - A press report of Sept. 11 stated that track had been laid on about 11 miles of the extension of the branch from Swastika, heretofore terminating at the Ontario-Quebec boundary at Cheminis, towards Rouyn, Que., and that it was expected to reach Rouyn early in October. (Sept. pg. 516.)

We were advised officially

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of the same. (Sept., pg. 319.)

Nipissing Central Ry. The Ontario Premier, Mr. Ferguson, returned to Toronto, Sept. 29, from a trip to Northern Ontario, during which he went over the extension of the Swastika branch from Cheminis, at the Ontario-Quebec boundary, to Rouyn, Que. At the time of his visit it was expected that tracklaying would be completed into Rouyn in about 10 days, but it was reported, Oct. 10, that weather conditions had interfered with the work, though it was still expected to complete the tracklaying by Oct. 15. The tracks at the terminus at Rouyn are reported to have been completed, and the station building to be well forward. Ballasting and other work will be pushed in order to enable a train service to be operated by Dec. 1.

The buildings at Rouyn are located on mining block m. 4, between Taschereau and Pezault Sts., and adjoining the National Transcontinental Ry. Branch Lines' Co's line from Taschereau. The yard

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230.34 miles west of St. John's and 37 miles east of Bishops Falls. To provide for its construction the Newfoundland Legislature appropriated \$750,000 out of a general loan of \$5,000,000. This loan has been placed, consequently the funds for construction are available. (Nov., pg. 640.)

Nipissing Central Ry.—Notice has been given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament for an extension of time for completing and putting into operation the company's authorized lines of railway in Ontario and Quebec. An extension of time for construction was granted in 1923, a full list of the lines authorized to be built being given in *Canadian Railway and Marine World* for Jan. 1923, pg. 36.

Track-laying on the extension of the Swastika branch line from Cheminis, at the Ontario-Quebec boundary, to Noranda, in the Rouyn, Que., gold area, was completed Oct. 22, and the first passenger train was run into Noranda, by the contractors, Nov. 5. The ballasting of the extension, and other finishing work, was gone on with, and we were advised officially, Nov. 12, that a daily passenger and freight service would be started on Nov. 28. (Nov. no. 641.)

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