

Alma & Jonquiere Ry.—The railway portion of the Quebec Development Co.'s water power development plans at the Grande Discharge of Lake St. John, Que., is being built under the Alma & Jonquiere Ry.'s charter. This company was incorporated by the Quebec Legislature in 1913, to build a railway from Lebarre or St. Gideon on the old Quebec & Lake St. John Ry., to Little Discharge, the Isle of Alma, the Grande Discharge, and one to Jonquiere, about 30 miles, with branch lines as required. Extensions of time for construction were granted in 1915, 1918 and 1921. The section of the line now under construction will extend from Hebertville station, midway between Lebarre and St. Gideon, to Ile Maligue. The railway will be of standard gauge, with a maximum gradient of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$, and a maximum curvature of 8 degrees. We are officially advised that a contract has been let to Gagnon, Gagnon & Gagne for the excavations, and to the W. T. Bishop Co., for the masonry work. F. H. Cothran, St. Joseph D'Alma, is Resident Manager.

The plans in connection with the power development works are stated to include the erection of a dam across the Little Discharge of Lake St. John, so as to divert the entire flow of water through the Grand Discharge. The railway will be carried across the Little Discharge to Isle d'Alma, and across to Ile Maligne in the Grand Discharge. The first power development plant will be located there, and is estimated to produce 350,000 h. p. The second power development plant will be some miles lower down, near the mouth of the Shipshaw River. It was reported recently that 500 men were engaged on the works. (Feb. 1921, pg. 82. See also Quebec Development Co., Jan. pg. 9.)

MARCH 1922

Alma and Jonquiere Ry.—A press report states that the foundations for piers and trestles on this 10 mile railway, which the Quebec Development Co. is building in connection with its power development at the Grande Discharge of Lake St. John, Que., are completed and ready for the superstructures. This work has been done by Wm. I. Bishop, Ltd., Montreal. The Dominion Bridge Co. is supplying approximately 900 tons of steel work to be used in connection with the trestle bridge across the Bedard River, and the Canadian Bridge Co. has the contract for the fabrication and erection of the superstructure of the other three bridges, descriptions of which structures have already been given in Canadian Railway and Marine World. (July, pg. 30.)

September 1923

Alma and Jonquiere Ry. Application is being made to the Quebec Legislature for an extension of time for the completion of the company's projected railway. Its present line extends from Saguenay Power Jet, mile 199.6 from Quebec, on Jonquiere Subdivision, Saguenay Division, Quebec District, Canadian National Ry., to Ile Maligne in the Saguenay River, 11 miles. The company was incorporated by the Legislature in 1912 to build a line from near Hebertville, on the C.N.R. to Ile Maligne, and from St. Jean d'Alma easterly to Jonquiere. The first section has been built in connection with the Price Bros. and Co.'s power development project at Ile Maligne. Negotiations are reported to be in progress for the sale of the railway to the Quebec, Saguenay and Chibougamau Ry. Co., to form a link in the latter's railway under construction from Riverbend, on Ile Maligne, to the Grande Peribonka River and Mistassini.

February 1930

SHORT RAILWAY HISTORY:

Data: R.R. Brown

ALMA AND JONQUIERES RAILWAY

Saguenay Power Jct.

To

Isle Maligne

11 miles

1912 Quebec: 3 George V, Cap. 85.

Incorporation of the Alma and Jonquieres Railway Company to build from Hebertville to a point between Grande Decharge and Petite Decharge, and from St. Joseph d'Alma to Jonquieres.

1923 April: Construction started.

1923 August: Line completed from Saguenay Power Jct., on the Canadian National Railways (formerly the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway) to Riverbend and Isle Maligne.

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1920 Quebec: 10-George V, Cap. 114

Incorporation of the Quebec and Chibougamau Railway Company to build from Quebec City to Chicoutimi; Chicoutimi to Lake Chibougamau; from Albanel to Demeules: etc.

1929 Quebec: 19-George V, Cap. 108.

Name changed to Quebec, Saguenay and Chibougamau Railway; power to build to James Bay; etc.

1929 Construction started from the terminus of the Alma and Jonquieres Railway at Isle Maligne, toward Peribonka.

1930 Construction abandoned after about 25 miles completed.

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Locomotives of the Alma and Jonquieres Railway

<u>No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cylinders</u>	<u>Drivers</u>	<u>Builder and No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	0-4-OT				1923
	Sold about 1926 to the Roberval and Saguenay Railway as No. 15.				
6	2-6-0	19 x 26	50"	Montreal #44265	1910
	Ex Roberval and Saguenay Railway No. 6 acquired 1923; Scrapped 1925.				
1048	4-6-0	19 x 24	56"	Kingston #542	1902
	Ex Canadian National Railways (Canadian Northern Ry.) No. 1048. Acquired 1925; scrapped 1931.				
1066	4-6-0	19 x 24	56"	Kingston #594	1902
	Ex Canadian National Railway (Canadian Northern Ry.) No. 1066. Acquired 1931; scrapped 1941.				
14	2-6-0	20 x 26	50"	Montreal.	1926
	Ex Roberval and Saguenay Railway No. 14. Acquired 1941.				

Passenger Train cars:

3001 Baggage