INTERCOLONNIAL RAILWAY, DIVERSION AT DERBY JUNCTIONCANADA EASTERN RAILWAY.

Intercolonial Railway Diversion at Derby Junction.

The accompanying map shows the situation of the Intercolonial Ry., and the old Canadian Eastern Ry., from Loggieville, to Chatham, now a part of the I. R. C., and the mouth of the Miramichi River, and the facilities which will be provided, when the work now in progress, or contemplated is completed.

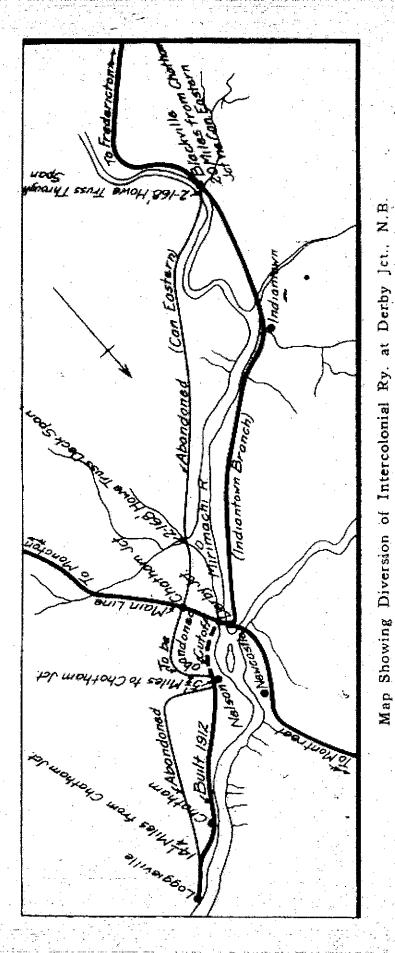
When the Dominion Government took over the Canada Eastern Ry., extending from Loggieville to Fredericton, with a branch from Derby Jct. to Blackville, it operated a line on both sides of the South West Miramichi River from Blackville to the main I. R. C. line. On account of the large expenditure required to maintain the portion of the Canada Eastern Ry. between Nelson and Blackville, via. Chatham Jct., which included the building of two bridges, and as the local traffic on this portion of the line was very light, it was decided to abandon

it and to build a diversion from Nelson to Derby Jct., and to use the Indiantown branch from Derby Jct. to Blackville as the main line of the Canada Eastern Branch. version from Chatham to Nelson was completed in 1912, and the projected line from Nelson to Derby Jct. will finish it. mileage to be abandoned on the completion of the work will be as follows: to Nelson, 14.25 miles; Nelson to Chatham Jct., 5.50 miles; Chatham Jct. to Blackville, 20 miles, total 39.75 miles. The new route between the points will be 33.03 miles as fol-Chatham to Nelson (built), 8.28 miles: Nelson to Derby Jct., contract for construction awarded, 2.75 miles; Derby Jct. to Blackville, Indiantown branch I. R. C., 22 miles.

The proposed diversion at Derby Jct., will leave the main line at the south end of the crossing of the South West Miramichi River, and will run to Nelson, on the old Canada Eastern Ry., 2.75 miles. The maximum gradient will be 1%.

We are officially advised that the contract has been awarded to K. A. Morrison, Union Bank Bldg., Ottawa.

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