

tion this. There are more
people here than ever, but what
they all do is a deep & dark
nothing. The ship building
is to come to an end soon —
It is true we are to have a
Drydock (God knows when!)
& a Johnson's Bridge —

These are only spasms however
& I see no chance of any
large permanent pay. rolls.
We can deliver the goods
as far as scenery & climate
goes, & it may be that we
will be a peer country after
the next referendum but
I am not optimistic enough
to go around with a corkscrew