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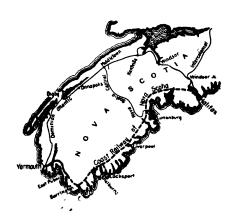
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The Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway.

This Co.'s extension recently opened for traffic runs from Ridgetown to the junction with the Co.'s leased line, the London and Port Stanley Ry. at St. Thomas, Ont., 42.84 The road parallels the Michigan Central Ry. from about 3½ miles east of Ridgetown to Shedden, about 31 miles. For the first 15 miles of this distadce the main tracks of the two roads are 171 ft. apart and for the remaining 16½ miles 111 ft. apart. At Shedden the L.E. & D.R.R. curves southerly and enters St. Thomas about 3/4 of a mile south of the M.C.R.

Just west of St. Thomas the road crosses Kettle creek ravine over a steel viaduct 1,215 ft. in length and 98 ft. in height from the top of pedestal to the base of rail, or about 108 ft. above the average summer level of the creek. The sub-structure consists of two abutments and 46 pedestals made of concrete masonry. The cost was upwards of \$78,000. At Shedden there is an 8 ft. concrete box culvert over Two creeks'under an embankment 20 ft. in height. The remaining culverts, with one exception, are cedar box culverts or double strength culvert pipe. With the exception of one open culvert and Kettle creek viaduct there is a solid road-bed for the entire distance.

The road is laid with 70 lb. steel rails. All switches are provided with split switch rails,



ROUTE OF THE HALIFAX AND SOUTH-WESTERN RY.

The road is laid with cedar ties on the tangents and oak ties on the curves, 16 ties to each rail. The railway property is well fenced throughout with wire fencing, all of 12 strands of wire, with cedar posts and strong gates at the farm crossings. The road-bed has received one lift of ballast and the construction gang is at work giving it a second lift. When this work is completed there will be an average depth of 10 ins. of good gravel under the ties. The gravel has been procured from a pit about 3½ miles west of Ridgetown.

The gradients are very light, about seven miles of the road is level track. There is a grade of 30 to 37 ft. per mile on three short stretches aggregating less than a mile. About 20 miles of track is practically level, the grades being only from 21/2 to 10 ft. per mile, while on the remaining 14 miles the grades average less than 15 ft. per mile. The number of curves on the line is 5, aggregating about 1½ miles or a little less than 3%. The curve at the junction with the London and Port Stanley Ry. has a radius of 1,433 ft. On the remaining curves the radius is 5,730 and 7,640 ft. Two of the tangents are 14 miles and 15 miles, respectively, and one other seven miles in length.

At the various road crossings steel surface uards are used. The station buildings are guards are used. nearing completion, and will be all neat, well built frame structures. Sidings are being constructed as rapidly as possible to handle the expected business economically.

With the exception of the grading and the bridge over Kettle creek, St. Thomas, the work has all been done by day labor, under

