

much more than compensate the company for the small increase in distance.

After crossing the St. Maurice River, the line deflects to the South, and follows down the Valley of the St. Maurice, a distance of about one and a quarter miles, until it reaches the City of Three Rivers, when it curves northwardly, flanking the high Coteau lying north of the City, and follows a comparatively straight direction, over the rich alluvial bottom lands of the St. Lawrence Valley, crossing in its way the comparatively small rivers, Elaises, Yamachiche, Du-Loup, Maskinonge, Chicot, and Berthier, until it reaches the City of Berthier, a distance of about 40 miles from the crossing of the St. Maurice River, and about 116 miles from Quebec.

From Berthier the line follows on, in the same general direction, and over very much the same character of country, until it reaches the vicinity of L'Assomption River, near the flourishing Village of that name, and then it deflects slightly towards the South, and follows a tangent of 13 miles in length, on the Easterly side of the River, until it reaches the junction of L'Assomption and Ottawa Rivers near the point where this branch of the Ottawa empties into the River St. Lawrence.

The line then crosses L'Assomption River onto an island, which divides it from the Main Waters of the Ottawa.

And thence it crosses the Ottawa and reaches the Main Island of Montreal, at Bout-de-L'isle, whence it continues, in almost an air line to the terminal point of the surveys within the limits of the City of Montreal, a distance of 158 2-10 miles from the initial point in the City of Quebec.

The accompanying "Map showing the general location and profile of the North Shore Railway," drawn to a scale of 2½ miles to an inch, will serve to illustrate the foregoing