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probably nearer 15 ft. when finished and settled. Cuttings were 24 ft. in width. The quantities of materials of all kinds moved averaged about 11,500 cubic yards per mile. The right of way purchased was generally 66 ft. in width - which was too little to provide conveniently the necessary borrow, and it was only with great difficulty that the subcontractors were kept within the fence lines and prevented from trespassing on the neigh-

bouring lands. In a large number of cases extra land had to be purchased outside the right of way for borrow pits, and it was generally found more troublesome and expensive to settle for these pieces than it was to buy the original right of way. The habitant seems to know by instinct when his enemy is in a hole, and is quite capable of taking advantage of the situation. The fencing consists of 11 horizontal strands of coiled steel wire, with vertical binder wires about 1 ft. apart, locked to the horizontal strands. The posts were of cedar, set 3½ ft. in the ground, and 16½ ft. apart. The lower ends of the posts were pointed, so that in case any heaving should take place they could readily be driven back into place.

Clearing was done to the full width of the right of way, and in large and heavy timber for a width of 100 ft. Under embankments of not more than 12 ft. in height wooden box or beam culverts were put in, beam culverts being used in only a few cases. Where it was found impossible to do the work with a box, wooden culverts were built of 8 x 10 in. or 10 x 10 in. cedar squared on three sides and laid flat. Beam culverts had regular bridge

floors of pine.

Wooden trestles were built according to standard plan, and were founded on piles where it was possible to drive them. Single decks as high as 32 ft. were used, but where they exceeded 25 ft. they were divided into two parts by a collar brace and a double set of sway braces put on. This was found to be more economical than dividing the bent into two decks, and in the opinion of the writer made a more substantial job. A great length of trestle work was authorized by the Dominion Government, but this was materially reduced by the contractors, as it was found that up to a height of about 20 ft. an earth embankment was cheaper than a trestlealthough, of course, the size of the waterway required would considerably modify this rule. The highest timber trestle on the line was at the East Yamachiche, 3 miles from St. Boniface, a three-decker 74 ft. high, and the longest, apart from that at Hawkesbury, was at the Cache river-17 miles east of Joliettewhere there were 32 bents, a total length of 480 ft. The quantities of timber in trestles were as follows :-

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The iron bridges were the heaviest item of construction on the line. Commencing at the St. Boniface end, the first structure was at the East Yamachiche, three miles west. This valley is somewhat in the shape of a W, with the main river in the western depression some The eastern feet lower than the eastern. valley was crossed by a wooden trestle, as described above, and the western by a steel visidual. viaduct, consisting of four 40 ft, braced towers with three 60 ft. plate girder intermediate spans. The total length of steel is thus 340 ft., and the extreme height from top of pedestal to base of rail is 74 ft. The total weight of steel in the structure in th weight of steel in the structure is about 424 000 lbs. The masonry consisted of 14 pedes. tals and one abutment, founded on hard gray About three miles further west comes the West Yamachiche river. This was crossed by a steel viaduct, consisting of two towers by a steel viaduct, consisting of two towers of 30 ft. each, and an intermediate plate girder span of 60 ft., with a wooden trestle approach at either end. The height from top of cap to base of rail is 32 ft. The mason you consisted of eight pedestals on pile and timber foundations. Piles were spaced 3 ft. apart, and driven about 18 ft. The piles were capped with 12 x 12 in. timbers. and on the capped with 12 x 12 in. timbers, and on the caps a flooring or grillage of 12 x 12 in. timbers was laid and the masonry started.

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