

McNAMARA-KEY-DESCHAMPS MAKES FINE PROGRESS ON CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE



Taken during the third week in October, the photo above shows the excellent progress made up to that time on construction of the Champlain Bridge at Montreal. The McNamara-Key-Deschamps joint venture crews working on this mammoth structure, being built over the St. Lawrence River from Verdun across Nun's Island to the south shore, had then completed 38 spans out of the 46 called for and had five more under construction. The huge launching bridge used to place the pre-stressed concrete beams on the pier caps can be seen

at centre of the photo in position to place the seven beams needed for the next span. These beams are 176 feet long, 10 feet high, 6 feet wide and weigh 180 tons. To the right of the launching bridge the crane-carrying scows and other marine equipment can be seen driving sheet steel piling for more cofferdams and also pouring the piers and pier caps. The joint venture crews plan to work on this project as late as the weather will allow

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Avalon Peninsula, Nfld. — Crews under Angus Fullerton are finishing up a 3½-mile access road from Witless Bay to the Trans-Canada Highway. Guard rail is being installed along the 20½-mile stretch paved by McNamara this season.

St. John's, Nfld. — Column and slabwork is progressing well on the easterly end of the large terminal wharf project in St. John's Harbour under the supervision of Chris Gibbons. Dredging is also complete in area "A" and column work has started there. All of the 21 concrete cribs required have been launched and placed.

Terra Nova Park, Nfld. — The 25 miles of paving for the Federal Government in this national park has been finished and the 5 miles on either end being paved for the provincial government is nearing completion. George Seymour's the superintendent.

Placentia, Nfld. — The sub-structure of the bridge across the Placentia Gut has been completed and

erection of side spans for the superstructure will be completed this fall under the direction of Walter Wachter. The approaches to the bridge have been completed.

St. John's, Nfld. — Several city jobs including the Kenmount Road paving, the Old Colony Sub-division and the curb and gutter work on Roache Street have been finished. Foundations have been poured for the footbridge and roadbridge in Bowring Park and the balance of the work is progressing favorably. The job of laying 6,000 yards of watermain from Waterford Bridge to Mount Pearl is progressing well, and should be completed by mid-November. Alex Zubka is in charge of this city work.

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Twin Falls — The access road and the new Till Hill permanent camp at the site were finished late in October and the McNamara Newfoundland crews have