

National
Transcontin-
ental Railway.

Tobique river, and 64 miles from Grand Falls to the Quebec boundary. District B was surveyed 328 miles from the Quebec boundary to Au Chat lake on Batiscan river, crossing the St. Lawrence at Quebec, and 32 miles from La Tuque on the St. Maurice river west; district C, 21 miles from the Megiskan or Bell river west; and district D, 50 miles from Makamik river west. The Makamik is the outlet of a lake of the same name in Quebec, and flows southwest into Abitibi lake. In district E, north of Nipigon lake, two sections were surveyed, one eastward from Robinson lake 26 miles and one eastward from Tunnel lake 12 miles. Section F was surveyed 217 miles west from Pelican lake to Winnipeg. On 187 miles of the Eastern division the maximum grade is 0.4 per hundred feet going east and on 41 miles it is 0.6 per hundred feet going west. No part of the division had been put under contract during the year.

Western
division.

Thirty-seven survey parties were employed between Winnipeg and the Pacific coast, and 12 parties on the branch from Fort William on lake Superior to the junction with the main line at Pelican lake. Between Winnipeg and Edmonton 736 miles were located, on which the maximum grade going west is 0.5 per hundred feet for 141 miles and going east 0.4 per hundred feet for 96 miles. The maximum grade on the Fort William branch is 0.4 per hundred feet for 47 miles going east and 0.6 per hundred feet for 51 miles going west. On the main line and the branch all grades are fully compensated for curvature. Surveys on the section from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie had not been completed last year, but that portion of the line is not likely to reach the maximum grade at any point in either direction. A section of 275 miles on the main line between Portage la Prairie and Touchwood Hills was placed under contract during the year, together with the whole of the Fort William branch. Construction work began on the main line in August and on the branch in November, and at the end of the year grading was completed on 55 miles.

Pacific
terminus.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company has selected for the Pacific terminus of the railway Prince Rupert, situated on Kaien island, off the Tsimpsean peninsula, and about half way between the mouth of Skeena river and the Portland canal, but the choice awaits confirmation by the Government.