

BRIDGE FRANCHISE IS COMMISSION'S TOPIC

Building of Kanawha River Span Discussed

The purchase of a franchise for a proposed bridge at St. Albans and of the bridge crossing the Kanawha river just below Cabin Creek was discussed Saturday by members of the state bridge commission in the last day of their two-day session here.

Preparation for the construction of the Henderson-Point Pleasant bridge, the franchise for which was purchased four months ago by the commission, was also discussed. A. C. Kimpel, secretary, announced at the conclusion of the meeting. Mr. Kimpel said that preparations for the construction had been "materially advanced."

David M. Wood, of New York, who has supervised the state road bond issues, and who has been retained by the bridge commission as a consultant in bond matters, was here in consultation with the commission. Professor R. P. Davis, of the engineering school of the state university, also attended the sessions in the capacity of a bridge engineer.

The commission, which is authorized by the legislature to purchase bridges by issuing bonds, with the proceeds from the tolls being used to retire the bonds, is composed of Julian G. Hearne, of Wheeling; H. C. Brooks, of Martinsburg, and H. R. Shadle, of Beach Hill. Mr. Hearne is chairman.