

AWAIT ACTION ON ST. ALBANS SPAN

Contracts in CWA Project Expected to Be Let in Short Time

Action by the PWA at Washington upon bids for the construction of a bridge connecting St. Albans and Nitro is being awaited by sponsors of the object, who are ready to award contracts for building the span.

Bids for the bridge work, opened last week, indicated that the total cost for the substructure and superstructure would be \$223,297, on the basis of the lowest estimates. For the substructure work, the McClintic-Marshall Construction company, of Bethlehem, Pa., was low with a bid of \$158,607. The low bid for the superstructure, \$64,690, was made by T. A. Loving and company, of Goldsboro, N. C.

The project will be of the self-liquidating type. Bonds accepted by the PWA as collateral for its loan will be retired by toll receipts. Thirty per cent of the bridge's cost, however, would be an outright grant.

Estimates of the bridge's cost, before bids were opened, ranged substantially higher than the cost indicated by the bids. A loan of \$410,000 for the bridge, the state's first public

works project to be acted upon, was approved some time ago at Washington.

Originally the bridge was proposed as a private venture, but under the public works plan all responsibility for it was assumed by the town of St. Albans.