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Site of New Kelani Bridge 21/12/51



BORINGS BEGIN FOR NEW BRIDGE

World-wide Tenders Will Be Called

BORINGS are being carried out in the Kelani Ganga at Sedawatte and Peliyagoda with a view to determining the depth of the river at these spots in order to provide the necessary data to the tenderers of the new bridge that is to be constructed.

World-wide tenders are to be called for the design and the construction of the new bridge that is to link up the new road from Urugodawatte Junction with the Kandy Road at Peliyagoda.

The borings are being carried out not only in the river but also on the proposed site of the bridge at either end.

The construction of the bridge is expected to take several years with all the difficulties that are being experienced at present in obtaining steel. But it is felt that a start should be made on it as early as possible in view of the increasing congestion of traffic in the bottle-neck of Victoria Bridge.

NOVEL DESIGN

THE WHITE ARROW (ABOVE) indicates the point at which the Kelani Ganga will be spanned by the new bridge which will link Peliyagoda and Sedawatte. (BELOW) workmen at the bridge site taking borings of the bedrock.

