

IMPORTANCE OF THE LINE.

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No. III.—ST. JOHN RIVER ROUTE.					Miles
Truro to Bay Verte	-	-	-	-	69
Bay Verte to Intersection of European and North American	-	-	-	-	
Railway	-	-	-	-	24
Along said Railway to St. John	-	-	-	-	102
St. John to Inte section of St. Andrew's and Quebec Railway	-	-	-	-	62
Along Quebec Railway to Woodstock	-	-	-	-	75
Woodstock to Grand Falls	-	-	-	-	65
Grand Falls to Edmonston	-	-	-	-	39
Edmonston to Rivière du Loup	-	-	-	-	96
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Of this 75 and 102 miles are already made	-	-	-	-	177
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Road to be formed	-	-	-	-	355

Whatever route from Quebec to Halifax may ultimately be decided upon, one thing is certain that the Government of Canada undertook to build and maintain five-twelfths of the road. It is only to be regretted that the prosecution of so important an undertaking should have been postponed, owing, amongst other reasons, to some difficulty about adjusting the expenses of a new survey. The Inter-colonial Railroad, apart from mercantile considerations and advantages, has become a military necessity, and the Canadian government feeling this, decisively and readily responded to the proposition of the Colonial Secretary. Access to the Atlantic is urgently needed during the winter months; the means of military connection with England needs to be secured; and it is only by means of the projected railway that such necessary and desirable ends can be obtained.

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