

The London *Economist* of the 9th instant has the following, which would show that this road, which has been over 15 years in building, and is now in a delapidated condition, requiring extensive repairs, may be bought for even a smaller sum than Mr. Buck names, but this only proves that a proportionably *larger* outlay than we have estimated, will be required to reconstruct it.

“ From a statement of the liquidators, it appears that a sale of the line has been advertised to take place in Fredericton, New Brunswick, on the 7th December next, on behalf of the St. Stephen's Banking Company, who are creditors for about £7,200. As official liquidators appointed in England cannot by law control the proceedings in Colonial courts, they think it doubtful whether these proceedings can be stopped. The debentures debt is said to be about £250,000. The line is likely, according to recent reports, to be sold for a nominal consideration.”

This may serve to show how much reliance can be placed upon the figures and arguments of Mr. Walter Buck, C. E.

He gives the population of the different counties through which the North Shore, the Central, and the Frontier lines would pass, and shows that the Frontier line will have a population of 338 inhabitants per mile, nearly half of which number he confesses is furnished by Aroostook County in Maine.

The argument based upon the number of population to the mile of country through which a railway passes is more specious than sound, but as Mr. Buck has made a parade of it in support of his frontier line, by lugging in the citizens of a foreign power, who will of course derive advantages by his line, which, in fairness, ought to be enjoyed by our own people, and which will be the case by the Northern Central line,—let us see how the latter line, in population per mile, compares with the Frontier line.

The Northern Central, from its leaving River du Loup, till it reaches Apohaqui, passes through, or offers facilities for trade, to the counties of

Rimouski	20,854
Gaspé.....	14,077
Bonaventure.....	13,092
Restigouche	5,000