

STATEMENT

over the Central Route of Railway in Breton.

CENTRAL ROUTE.	REMARKS.
(TO NORTH SYDNEY.)	
85 Miles. 125 Miles to Louisburg. 95 Miles to Sydney.	Sixty-six (66) miles of this southerly line <i>via</i> Salmon River and Grand Mira are one common to a Local and National Line trunk, the eastern end of which is but 14 miles to Sydney and 16 miles to Louisburg (strongly recommended by Sir Charles Tupper).
Peninsula Mountainous, and averaging 5 miles in width.	
250 Square Miles. 50 miles shut off in winter on either side by treacherous ice of Bras d'Or waters.	This alone sufficiently damaging to the Central route.
Insuperable except by ferry. Subsidized steamers, and vessels on the Bras d'Or.	Disinterested men who know say it is impossible in winter to run a boat large enough to carry a train across here regularly, owing to forming and floating ice.
1. 124,274 tons. 500.	
\$72,400. \$520.	A fish and coal producing district is a flour consuming one (an item which ought to be considered by the Government from an economical point of view in operating railway).