

In an Appendix Mr. Buck gives *his* estimate of the cost of building the Northern line from River du Loup to Apohaqui, and puts the price per mile at \$45,000. The cool assurance of this, in the face of Major Robinson's estimate, based upon his accurate survey, is every way worthy the presumption of Walter Buck, C. E., but he must not be offended if we prefer to be guided by the Major of Engineers. We have shown that the Northern Central is the cheapest line that can be built, and the cheapest to maintain and run. The evidence of this is before our readers and his, they can judge between the authority of Walter Buck, C. E., and a Major of the Royal Engineer Department of Great Britain.

In conclusion we have merely to repeat, that the subject is one of vast importance, and involves momentous consequences in its effects upon the future of the Dominion. We trust, therefore, that the representatives of the People, now in Parliament assembled, will bring to its discussion, cool heads and calm, dispassionate judgment, in a spirit elevated far above the petty intrigues of mere sectional interests and that they will, after mature deliberation, select that route which will receive the hearty assent of the British Government, and secure the best interests, present and future, of Our Common Country.