

one hundred and fifteen miles, and that *vid* the Gulf by sixty-three miles, which it would have to pass for two hundred miles in the vicinity of the American boundary—a highly important consideration, which, regarded in a defensive point of view, must certainly possess serious weight with the Imperial authorities.

Annexed is a recapitulation, in a tabular form, of the respective distances of the three competitive projects from Truro to Rivière du Loup, taken from a report presented to the government by Mr. Light, an engineer occupying an influential professional position in New Brunswick :

NO I.—MAJOR ROBINSON'S NORTH SHORE LINE.

	Miles.
Truro to Bay Verte - - - - -	69
Bay Verte to Shediac - - - - -	26
Shediac to Indiantown, Miramichi River - - - - -	74
Indiantown to Bathurst - - - - -	56
Bathurst to Dalhousi - - - - -	48
Dalhousi to Mouth of Metapediac River - - - - -	30
Metapediac to Najet River, branch of Metis - - - - -	86
Najet River to Rivière du Loup - - - - -	81
Truro to Rivière du Loup - - - - -	470

NO. II.—CENTRAL ROUTE.

Truro to Bay Verte - - - - -	69
Bay Verte to Intersection of European and North American Railway - - - - -	24
Along European and North American Railway - - - - -	22
Thence to Boiestown - - - - -	75
Boiestown to Miramichi Lake - - - - -	30
Miramichi Lake to Waggon Portage - - - - -	75
Waggon Portage to Edmonston - - - - -	27
Edmonston to Rivière du Loup - - - - -	96
	418
Deduct road already made - - - - -	22
Road to be made - - - - -	396