

The author has not been able to make out the actual first cost of the road, but in after years the valuation inclusive of land damages and engines stood at £76,700, 1s. 0d.

The following however is the estimate by Mr. Crerar of the probable expense of completing the Albion Mines Rail Road, from its commencement at the Foundry to its termination at the Loading ground:—

	Currency
Excavating 135,980 cubic yards @ 1s. 2½d.	£8882.2.6
21,600 Tons prepared stones laid out @ 6s. 6d. per ton,	7020 0 0
10,560 sleepers @ 1s. 3d. each	660 0 0
Laying down same and rails, &c.	660 0 0
A bridge at Simon Fraser's Cove, stone abutments each averaging 30 ft. high, wooden tops supported by wooden piers or pier poles, &c., &c.,447.0.0
A bridge across Cove Brook, &c., &c.,579.0.0
A bridge from Dunbar's Point to Loading ground one stone abutment, &c.1593.0.0
15 bridges and passing places, stone abutments, wooden tops, averaging 20 ft. high and 15 ft. span, at £180 each.....	2700.0.0
Drains and Culverts.....	800.0.0
600 Tons Iron rails, chairs, etc., @ £15 per ton.....	9000.0.0
	32341.2.6
Ten per Cent. Contingencies.	3234.2.3
	£ 35575.4.9

Having located the line, the next step was to obtain the right of way and as in those days there was no Railway Act, it may be of interest to note what proceedings were actually taken.

First application was made to the General Sessions of the county, and then in accordance with the authority there obtained there was issued the following notice and in due course the Jury's award.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Pictou, dated the 4th day of January instant, made upon the application of the General Mining Association, which Association are the sublessees of His Majesty's mines in the Province of Nova Scotia, by Joseph Smith, Esquire, their agent and attorney, a precept in writing has been issued, directed to the Sheriff of the county of Pictou, or his deputy, commanding him to summon certain persons being freeholders to appear at the house of James Fraser, innkeeper in the town of New Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 4th day of April next ensuing, at 11 o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of laying out and setting off within the lands of any person or persons owning the same, or in possession thereof, so much of the said land as may be required for the purpose of altering the line of rail road, now in use at the Albion Mines on the East River of Pictou, in the county aforesaid, the whole way from the shafts or pits at the said mines, down the west side of the said river to some convenient point opposite to what is generally called the "Loading Ground," and for assessing the damages to the owner or owners, tenant or tenants of such lands, according to their several interests for being deprived of the use and benefit thereof; and for the expense of making fences or ditches, and also for fixing and ascertaining the annual rents for the use and occupation of the said lands, in accordance with the laws of the Province in such case made and provided.

(Signed,) JAS. MINNESTER,
Clerk of the Sessions.

Pictou, January 6th, 1837.

" At the house of James Fraser, Innkeeper in the Town of New Glasgow, this sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four.

A list or panel of the names of twelve of the freeholders summoned and in attendance, under and by virtue of the precept hereto annexed, who on the list of freeholders to the said precept annexed being called over first appeared and answered thereon, and who were thereupon sworn by me the subscriber, John W. Harris, the deputy of John J. Sawyer, Esquire, sheriff of the County of Halifax, as a jury to the faith-