

it would serve any other interests than those of Agriculture and Lumbering.

Mr. Buck takes the bold stand that the most suitable position for a military road *is along the enemy's border*, for which idea he certainly deserves the thanks of the War Office, and should be elected honorary member of United Service Club. He then quotes no less august authority than John Bright and J. W. Lawrence to show that there is no fear of aggression from the United States. He says that Mr. Lawrence's *idea is perfect*; with which we agree, if the word *nonsense* is added. John Bright and Mr. Buck, with J. W. Lawrence to back them will hardly succeed in indoctrinating men of common sense with their utopian ideas, and we rest quite easy in the conviction that the military character of the road, as one of its features, will be insisted on by the governments of the Dominion and of Great Britain.

He gives the following table to show the cost of the Frontier line :—

189 miles from River Du Loup to Woodstock @ \$33,400.....	\$6,312,600
115 " Moncton to Truro @ \$46,000.....	5,290,000
	\$11,602,600
Proposed purchase of Woodstock Branch, 15 miles.....	176,000
" St. Andrew's Railway, 40 miles.....	700,000
Repairs and Renewals on " including addi-	
tional Sidings and Station Buildings.	100,000
	\$12,578,600

He gives the mileage to be constructed as 304 miles, but omits to add Western Extension 82 miles, which we are justified in putting at the same estimate as that between Moncton and Truro, viz: \$46,000 per mile, this will make \$3,772,000 to be added to his \$12,578,600, making a total of \$16,350,600, which is \$390,600 more than we have shown the Northern Central will cost. He proposes to buy the St. Andrew's Railway, 40 miles, for \$700,000 which is \$17,500 per mile. It must be a strange road if it can be built for that, and entirely unfit for a portion of the Intercolonial, so that we are quite within the mark if we add \$17,500 more per mile for rebuilding it, this will add \$700,000 more to the cost of his frontier line, and make the total of \$17,050,000, just the nice sum of \$1,090,000 more than the Northern Central will cost.