

The expense of working the Rail Road when constructed, is estimated on the results of several Rail Roads in the United States, at the same rate as the Eastern Rail Road in Massachusetts, the annual expense for the entire distance of 123½ miles would be..... £21,621 10s.

At the rate of the Western Rail

Road, which is believed to be
the most expensive, it would be. 29,782 10

£51,404

The average being..... £25,702

Leaving a disposeable surplus of..... £29,003

The expenditure on the construction of this Rail Road will be found by the accompanying Report from the Engineer employed to be estimated at, say in round numbers £550,000.

It may therefore be anticipated if the foregoing estimates are founded on correct data, that the Rail Road will yield a return equal to about five per cent on the capital invested, without considering the progressive increase of traffic which its establishment will occasion.

When the immense extent of country opened up by this improvement is considered together with the great and increasing intercourse existing between Montreal and the Atlantic, combined with the fact that this Rail Road must form the best and most favored route for travelling between Canada East and the New England States, the Committee believe that the above result cannot but appear evident, although at first sight, they feel that many may conceive the work altogether speculative. The Committee have only to entreat that the work and its prospects may be closely scanned, feeling every confidence, that the more severe the scrutiny, the more satisfactory will the undertaking appear.

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