

1st. The Northern or Major Robinson's Line, which, starting from Halifax, runs by way of Truro to Shediac, thence crosses the Miramichi at Indiantown, continues northerly till it reaches Bathurst, then passes up the Bay Chaleurs to Dalhousie, thence by the Restigouche and Metapedia valleys through Rimouski to Trois Pistoles and River Du Loup.

2nd. A modification of this line, which we shall designate as the *Northern Central*, from Halifax pursues the same course to Shediac, runs down the E. & N. A. Railroad to Apohaqui station, thence runs north-east till it crosses Salmon River at the head of Grand Lake, thence running north it joins the Major Robinson line at Indiantown, on the Miramichi, and thence follows it to Quebec.

3rd. The Central line proper, which, starting from Apohaqui Station, runs round the head of Grand Lake, and, touching Fredericton, passes up the Keswick valley, thence across the Tobique range and round Temiscouta lake to River Du Loup.

4th. The Central line, designated on Mr. Fleming's map as No. 5, and so speciously advocated in a letter to Hon. William McDougall, Minister of Public Works, is identical with the Central line proper above described, from River Du Loup to Fredericton. At that point it crosses from the Eastern to the Western side of the River St. John, and by means of a branch from Fredericton, it joins the Western Extension line through Douglas Valley, and by that line reaches St. John in the neighborhood of the Suspension Bridge.

5th. The Frontier line, which, starting from St. John, passes up the Western side of that River to Grand Falls, where it crosses and continues along the Eastern bank to Little Falls, and thence by the Madawaska river and Temiscouta Lake to River Du Loup.

Of these routes the last is open to the objection that for many miles it passes close to the American Frontier, at points which offer every facility for the military operations of a hostile force; and this alone is sufficient to render its adoption so objectionable that no advantages of a sectional nature should, for a moment, prevent its rejection. Indeed this result is inevitable, as succes-