

This commission does not think that the National Transcontinental railway should have been constructed east of Lévis, which was done at a cost of \$35,000,000, first,—because the Government at that time had a railway in operation between Lévis and Moncton, the Intercolonial; second,—because the National Transcontinental railway would only be 33 miles shorter; third,—because the gradients on the National Transcontinental railway are greater than those on the Intercolonial railway; and fourth,—because the grades on the Intercolonial railway can be reduced to four-tenths per cent Eastbound and six-tenths per cent Westbound, whereas it is practically impossible, according to the construction of the National Transcontinental railway, to reduce the 1.10 per cent grade at 146 miles west of Moncton and the 1.10 per cent grade at lake Pohenagmook.

I made the statement that when Mr. Gutelius became an operator of a railway he said that this money should have been taken to bring the Intercolonial railway up to the standard of four-tenths and six-tenths. He does not say virtual four-tenths and six-tenths, but real four-tenths and six-tenths, thus answering every argument in this report in favour of the degrading of the Transcontinental railway, or against keeping it up to its high standard.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Does the hon. gentleman say that in the proposed revision of the Intercolonial railway there are no

virtual grades, even though the real grade is four-tenths and six-tenths?

Mr. GRAHAM: He does not use the word 'virtual' here. The work has not been done yet. My hon. friend can try to read in little quibbles, as he has been doing all night, but there is the statement of Mr. Gutelius, and when he says four-tenths and six-tenths, I take it that he means what he says. He does not use the word 'virtual,' which he would have to do if it means velocity grades.

Mr. MEIGHEN: That is what Mr. Gutelius says?

Mr. GRAHAM: I have not heard him say it. I know what he says in his written statement; that is what I am going by. My hon. friend does not like this, because it shatters some of his idols.

There are a few things more I would like to say in reference to the cost of the road, but, as it is getting late, I would like to move the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to, and debate adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Pelletier, the House adjourned at 11.57 p.m.