

Robinson, after his own confession that he has never gone over the survey of this gentleman, with the exception of the Metapedia section of 70 miles. We shall therefore be guided by Major Robinson.

The total distance from Halifax to Quebec, as given by Major Robinson's Report of the Survey of 1848, (see Journals of Assembly, 1849) is 635 miles. Since that date, there have been constructed from Halifax to Truro 61 miles, and from Quebec to River du Loup, 118 miles, which show 179 miles constructed leaving yet unbuilt 456 miles to Quebec.

Let us now compare Mr. Flemings estimate of the Northern Central with the accurate survey of Major Robinson.

Mr. Fleming shows the distance to be built by the Central proper to be 452 miles, this leaves 4 miles only in favour of construction mileage for the Central proper, but in point of cost the 456 by the Northern Central, at Major Robinson's estimate of \$35,000 per mile, is \$15,960,000, while 452 miles of the Central proper at Mr. Flemings own estimate of \$46,000 per mile, will be \$20,792,000 showing a difference in favour of construction of \$4,632,000 for the Northern Central. As to distance to be run Mr. Fleming calculates the Central proper to be 572 miles, while Major Robinson makes the Northern Central 570 miles, showing a difference of 2 miles in favour of the latter line.

Mr. F. calculates the distance from River du Loup to Halifax by Apohaqui to be 616 miles, to which we must add 118 miles from River du Loup to Quebec, making a total of 734 miles. Major Robinson's more careful survey made the distance from Halifax to Quebec 635, to which we must add 70 miles between Apohaqui and Shediac, which did not enter into Major Robinson's line. This will make the distance between Quebec and Halifax *via* Apohaqui 705 miles, still leaving a difference in favour of the Northern Central of 29 miles between Major Robinson's accurate survey, and Mr. Fleming's more hasty one. The manner in which Mr. Fleming has managed to lengthen out Major Robinson's line, may be seen from his own admission, page 47 of Report, where he says: "The distances here submitted considerably exceed those given by Major Robinson and others; *the allowances which I have made for curvatures may*