

The annual interest at 6 per cent. on this amount of	
\$9,338,667 is	560,320
It has been shown that the excess of net earnings	
over interest on the cost at six per cent. of the	
220 miles in operation in Maine may be put at ..	225,000
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	\$335,320

Leaving the sum of \$335,320 to be realized to the Company from the annual net earnings of 709—220= 489 miles of road from Bangor to Halifax, to enable it to meet its obligations of interest and pay rental for the property acquired from other companies. To secure this amount, the net earnings of the line from Bangor to Halifax must equal \$861 per mile per annum, for,

290 miles at \$861, is	\$249,670
199 " $\frac{\$861}{2}$, is ..	85,650
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	\$335,320

To realize \$861 per mile requires that the gross earnings should be \$1,722 per mile, allowing the usual proportion of fifty per cent. on gross earnings as sufficient to pay expenses. This estimate supposes that the amount required for construction can be borrowed at six per cent., or that whatever is contributed by subscribers to the stock will pay six per cent. A subscription to the extent named in the Prospectus, viz., \$500,000, is necessary to meet in part existing liabilities, as stated. With this, it appears that the consolidation and construction of the lines in Maine and beyond, can be effected. It is worthy of consideration whether it is not best to obtain, if possible, a larger subscription, say to the amount of \$2,000,000, which, with the inducements offered, there should be no great difficulty in obtaining. The capital of the Company by its charter is limited to 150,000 shares; 100,000 shares it is proposed to reserve for the branch to Madawaska and other purposes. The remaining 50,000 shares to be subscribed for at the present time, and upon this subscription \$40 per share to be paid in, which will give the amount required of \$2,000,000.

Under this view of the subject, the annual net earnings to