

road. In page 16 of his report, he says:—"I could not presume to express an opinion on the best military position for the Railway, or even enter into the question of route in a purely military aspect at all ; but in the absence of any specific instructions or suggestions on this point, I found it necessary to look for some rule by which to be guided at the beginning and during the progress of the survey. For a number of miles west of River Du Loup, the Grand Trunk Railway passes the North Western boundary of the State of Maine at a distance of scarcely 30 miles ; this, at all events in a military aspect, is a precedent, and may suffice to establish the minimum distance allowable between the contemplated line of Railway and the north eastern angle of the same State. I have accordingly laid off this distance on the accompanying general map of the country, from the frontier to points on the Trois Pistoles, Green River, the Restigouche and Tobique." The same subject is again introduced upon page 29 as follows : "The course taken by the line above described from the River Du Loup towards the southern part of New Brunswick is generally direct and at some distance from the Eastern Frontier of Maine. Except at one point, this distance is not less than that between the Grand Trunk Railway east of Quebec, and the northern boundary of the same State ; the point referred to lies to the north and east of Grand Falls on the River St. John. I may mention, however, that at this point, which lies between the Restigouche and the Tobique, I instituted a supplementary exploration after the survey was finished and the discovery was made that the line approached the Frontier nearer than desired. This exploration resulted in showing that there is every *probability* of a favourable location being obtainable, without keeping so close to the Boundary of the Province at this point."

Again he says, page 50, "Lines 5, 6 and 7 are generally not nearer to the boundary line than the minimum distance between the Grand Trunk Railway and the northern Frontier of Maine ; this distance, in a direct line, is from 27 to 28 miles."

But Mr. Fleming does not tell what he should have done, viz : that at one section only does the Grand Trunk approach within