The line for a short distance in the town of Hollis, and also approaching Mousam river, passes over ground requiring cuttings of considerable magnitude, with indications of clay and rock.

The rock throughout the whole extent of your line, is of primitive formation, and probably more of this material will be encountered at the abovementioned points, than on all other portions of the route. More extended surveys will doubtless partially relieve this part of the line of its asperities.

The amount of earth work to be done on the whole line, when a careful location shall have been made, will be about the same as on other roads of medium cost in New England. This will also be the case with the mechanical work, and although a number of bridges are required, yet they are generally favorably located, of moderate elevation, and there are no indications of unusual difficulties in their construction.

The line crosses the Presumpscot river at Congin, and re-crosses at Saccarappa, the bridge at the former point has one span of 140 feet, and at the latter, two spans of 170 1-2 feet each, making a total length of truss bridging on the Eastern Division of 483 linear feet.

The bridge for crossing the Saco, which properly belongs to the Middle Division of the road, will be about 450 feet in length.

Its axis will vary somewhat from a right angle with the course of the stream, and it will be located at a point, where rock, or other favorable materials will be found for the foundations. The other bridges on the line are of less importance; the largest of which is required for crossing Mousam river, having a span of about 120 feet.

COST OF THE ROAD — AND PRESENT STATE OF THE WORK.

The whole of your road is contracted to be built by Messrs. J. G. MYERS & Co., on terms which are considered favorable to the Company.

The contract includes every item of expense except land, buildings, and machinery, and for the whole road amounts to $955,500.