

passed through in the Island Block situated opposite the Menzion Burn; and very fair land between Ettrick and Roxburgh, but not sufficient to warrant the construction of the line at present. (3.) This line, from its junction with that *via* Rae's, passes for several miles through what is known as Clark's freehold, of some twenty-five or thirty thousand acres, the land generally being good, but being very undulating it is a difficult country through which to construct a railway, and to my mind the Government would not be warranted in laying out the large sum the line is estimated to cost.

In conclusion, I think all that is required in the meantime is to extend the line from Heriot to the Spylaw Junction. By this means a very considerable tract of agricultural country would be served at the upper end of the Crookston and Benger districts.

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