

ascending and involving the use of the
brakes and sand in descending.

Capitalize the amounts obtained as above at rate of 6%
per annum unless otherwise instructed.

The above is based on an operating cost of \$1.20
per train mile, and an average resistance of about $7\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
per ton. Modify for different train mile costs and train
resistance, increasing the additional cost of rise and fall
as given above in direct proportion with increase in train
mile cost and decrease in train resistance.

Note:- The cost of rise and fall is almost entirely due
to increased fuel consumption. For Class B grades, this is
about 80% of the total cost of rise and fall and on Class C
about 70%, the balance being for wear and tear on rolling
stock due to application of brakes etc. The cost of fuel
for the larger roads in the United States averages, quite
consistently, about 10% to 11% of the total operating cost,
If there is reason to vary this item very much, the above
values for rise and fall should be varied accordingly. The
determination of the class to which a certain grade belongs
depends upon a wide range of conditions. For ordinary pur-
poses a rough classification may do, otherwise a more care-
ful study from a profile of virtual grades and other data is
necessary.

PUSHER ENGINES.

The cost of operating a pusher engine may be estimated
at \$15,000. to \$20,000 per annum for ordinary engines. Where
large engines of the mallet type are used it will be more
than this. This will permit the expenditure of from \$250,000
upwards (for each engine required to handle the traffic) to
avoid the pusher grade. A table of balance grades for pusher
engines is given at the end.

Use the following form for comparing the ultimate value
of two or more lines:

Level	Data.		Capitalized Value	
	Line A	Line B	Line A	Line B
Topography				