

296. A line of steamers is projected by the Company from Vancouver to Hong Kong and Japan, which by this means can be reached from England in thirty-four and twenty-six days respectively, while the present time by the boats of the Peninsula and Oriental Company is, to Yokohama *via* Brindisi forty-three days, and to Hongkong thirty-seven days, and by Gibraltar by which most of the mails and passengers go, and all troops for the East must go, is fifty-two and forty-six days respectively.

297. The question of subsidising this line and also of establishing a regular mail service by this route to China and Japan and possibly to Australia, is now under consideration by the Imperial Government.

298. The following tables give the distances from Liverpool to Yokohama by the various routes through both Canada and the United States. Some difference of opinion exists as to the exact length of some of the routes, and these tables may not, therefore, entirely correspond with similar tables in other works:—

COMPARATIVE Statement of Distances between Liverpool, England, and Yokohama, Japan, on the respective Routes through Canada, *via* Port Moody.

Routes from Liverpool to Yokohama, <i>via</i>	Geographical Miles.	Statute Miles.
Quebec, Ottawa and Port Moody, <i>via</i> Straits of Belle-Isle.....	9,648	11,121
Quebec, Ottawa and Port Moody, <i>via</i> Cape Race	9,806	11,303
Quebec, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Lakes Huron and Superior and Port Moody, <i>via</i> Cape Race	9,835	11,337
Chatham, Quebec, Ottawa and Port Moody, <i>via</i> Cape Race	9,836	11,338
St. Andrew's, Mattawamkeag, Sherbrooke, Montreal, Ottawa and Port Moody.....	9,895	11,406
St. John, Mattawamkeag, Sherbrooke, Montreal, Ottawa and Port Moody	9,952	11,471
Louisbourg, St. John, Mattawamkeag, Sherbrooke, Montreal, Ottawa and Port Moody	9,964	11,485
Halifax, St. John, Mattawamkeag, Sherbrooke, Montreal, Ottawa and Port Moody....	9,961	11,516
St. Andrew's, Edmundston, Rivière du Loup, Quebec, Ottawa and Port Moody.....	10,025	11,556
Louisbourg, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Port Moody.....	10,055	11,591
St. John, Edmundston, Rivière du Loup, Quebec, Ottawa and Port Moody	10,064	11,600
Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul, Emerson, Winnipeg and Port Moody, <i>via</i> Cape Race.....	10,065	11,606
Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Port Moody	10,083	11,622
St. John, Moncton, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Port Moody.....	10,198	11,755