

COMPARATIVE Statement of Distances between Liverpool, England, and Yokohama, Japan, on the respective Routes through the United States, *viâ* San Francisco.

| Routes from Liverpool to Yokohama, <i>viâ</i> | Geographical Miles. | Statute Miles. |
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| Boston, Chicago and San Francisco..... | 10,342 | 11,921 |
| Portland, Niagara Falls, Chicago and San Francisco | 10,404 | 11,992 |
| Portland, Montreal, Chicago and San Francisco..... | 10,416 | 12,006 |
| New York, Chicago and San Francisco..... | 10,493 | 12,095 |
| New York, Indianapolis, St. Louis and San Francisco | 10,600 | 12,219 |
| New York, Cincinnati, St. Louis and San Francisco..... | 10,637 | 12,262 |
| Boston, St. Louis and San Francisco..... | 10,641 | 12,266 |
| Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco | 10,683 | 12,314 |
| Philadelphia, Indianapolis, St. Louis and San Francisco | 10,703 | 12,337 |
| Philadelphia, Cincinnati, St. Louis and San Francisco..... | 10,740 | 12,380 |
| Richmond, Louisville, St. Louis and San Francisco..... | 10,757 | 12,397 |
| Baltimore, Chicago and San Francisco..... | 10,766 | 12,410 |
| Richmond, Cincinnati, St. Louis and San Francisco..... | 10,826 | 12,478 |
| Baltimore, Cincinnati, St. Louis and San Francisco..... | 10,830 | 12,484 |
| Richmond, New Orleans and San Francisco | 10,845 | 12,499 |
| Baltimore, Indianapolis, St. Louis and San Francisco..... | 10,861 | 12,519 |
| New Orleans and San Francisco..... | 11,339 | 13,069 |

299. It will be seen that the longest route through Canada is 144 miles shorter than the shortest route through the United States, while during the season of navigation, the route by the Straits of Belle-Isle and Quebec is 694 geographical, and 800 statute miles shorter than the shortest American route. In addition to the saving in distance, when the Short Line from Montreal to the eastern coast is built, shippers of through freight will have the advantage of having to deal with but one company, this being the only one of the trans-continental lines that is owned from ocean to ocean by the same company.

Part III.—Canals.

300. The system of inland navigation in Canada is probably the largest in the world.

301. The St. Lawrence system alone, in conjunction with the great lakes, extends for 2,260 miles, *viz.*, from the Straits of Belle-Isle to Port Arthur at the