

**DISTANCES BETWEEN PRINCIPAL POINTS IN CANADA \***

\*Note—Generally, the distances given are the shortest by railway.

A knowledge of distances in miles between principal points constitutes very useful information in these days of wide travel, but when an attempt is made to compile such data difficulties are at once encountered. Railway distances are the logical choice, even though road distances are of increasing interest to a vast body of travellers by automobile and are a useful alternative. Railway distances represent usually the shortest practicable land distances between two points and even today the bulk of freight and passenger traffic is by rail. Again, distances by air (sometimes called "line-of-air" distances) are only useful in practice to those who travel by air. This is a growing phase of transportation, of course, but has not yet assumed such proportions that its tabulation should displace the more usual one. Again, it is not a difficult matter to estimate air-line distances from a map made to convenient scale, whereas the ordinary reader is not able to obtain railway distances easily. Even though it be decided to adopt railway distances as most useful, it is necessary to decide whether the most travelled route between two places or the shortest railway route should govern. In the tables given below, the distances between points are the shortest distances by railway and not necessarily the most travelled routes or the routes by which main trains travel. They are compiled principally from the railway time tables. The main table includes the capital of each province and some of the main shipping points chosen principally, but not altogether, by population; the subsidiary scales include distances of local importance. Included in the distances from Charlottetown is the distance from Horden to Cape Tormentine, over which the trains are transported by ferry; similarly, the train ferry distance between Melville and Point Tupper is included in the distance from Halifax to Sydney. In the main table all the distances from Victoria include the distance travelled by boat from Victoria to Vancouver. However, wherever possible, railway distances only are used. In certain distances from Victoria, the rail route only being taken in those cases where boat routes are given, the best approximation of the distance travelled is used. The air-line distances are not necessarily the straight-line distances between points, but are the distances over the routes usually travelled by aeroplanes in good weather.

Place	St. John's	Charlottetown	Halifax	Moncton	Saint John	Fredericton	Quebec	Montreal	Sherbrooke	Three Rivers	Ottawa	Kingston	Toronto	Hamilton	Windsor	London	Winnipeg	Brandon	Regina	Saskatoon	Calgary	Edmonton	Vancouver	Victoria	Prince Rupert
St. John's	0	984	181	998	1868	1868	1435	1485	1565	1575	1665	1665	1665	1665	1665	1665	1665	1665	1665	1665	1665	1665	1665	1665	1665
Charlottetown	984	0	219	116	211	280	800	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844
Halifax	181	219	0	189	272	47	686	740	740	740	740	740	740	740	740	740	740	740	740	740	740	740	740	740	740
Moncton	998	116	189	0	78	47	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135
Saint John	1868	211	272	78	0	475	875	875	875	875	875	875	875	875	875	875	875	875	875	875	875	875	875	875	875
Fredericton	1868	280	47	47	475	0	403	403	403	403	403	403	403	403	403	403	403	403	403	403	403	403	403	403	403
Quebec	800	844	686	135	875	403	0	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441
Montreal	844	844	740	135	875	403	441	0	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441
Sherbrooke	1565	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	0	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441
Three Rivers	1575	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	0	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441
Ottawa	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	0	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441
Kingston	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	0	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441
Toronto	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	441	0	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441
Hamilton	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	0	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441
Windsor	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	0	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441
London	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	0	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441
Winnipeg	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	0	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441
Brandon	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	0	441	441	441	441	441	441	441
Regina	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	0	441	441	441	441	441	441
Saskatoon	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	0	441	441	441	441	441
Calgary	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	0	441	441	441	441
Edmonton	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	0	441	441	441
Vancouver	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	0	441	441
Victoria	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	0	441
Prince Rupert	1665	844	740	135	875	403	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	441	0

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