

ception is the harbour of Blacksod Bay in Mayo on the coast of Ireland. A mail route by Blacksod Bay would however be open to the same objection as the Moville route, that is to say, the inconvenience inseparable from the packet service between Dublin and Holyhead with the double transfer on the crossing.

ROUTES BETWEEN LONDON AND HALIFAX.	SEA VOYAGE.		TIME TO LONDON.		
	Distance, Sea Miles.	Hours at 20 knots.	Hours via Dublin and Holyhead.	Hours, rail only.	Total hours between Halifax and London.
<i>By Irish Ports :</i>					
Moville	2264	113	17		130
Blacksod	2113	106	17		123
Valencia	2155	108	18		126
Queenstown	2225	111	17		128
<i>By other Ports without calling at Ireland :</i>					
Liverpool	2465	123		4	127
Holyhead	2421	121		6	127
Milford	2370	119		6	125
Southampton	2530	127		2	129
Loch Ryan	2340	117		8	125

In the table the speed is reckoned at 20 knots an hour at sea, and the time between the several points and London is estimated on the basis of the speed at present attained by railway trains on land, and by steam packets between Dublin and Holyhead. A lower speed than 20 knots at sea would obviously give a somewhat greater difference in time in favor of Loch Ryan than above stated.

The table brings out the fact that mails from Halifax could be delivered in London via Loch Ryan in five hours less time than by the Moville route, and in two hours less than by direct steamship to Liverpool. If such be the case, it is perfectly clear that the establishment of a trans-Atlantic mail service by way of Loch Ryan would be the means of accelerating the delivery of letters to every portion of England and Scotland, more expeditiously than by any existing route. Manufacturing centres in Yorkshire, for instance, would gain from 3 to 5 hours; other parts of England 6 hours, while Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Scotland generally, would gain 10 hours in connection with every outgoing and incoming trans-Atlantic mail.

Although Loch Ryan is in Scotland, it is in close proximity to Ireland; the sea passage across the North Channel is less than half the distance from Holyhead to Dublin. Belfast, the most