

### MILEAGE THE DETERMINING FACTOR

"But it must never be forgotten that mileage will tell more than all else in this competition, and we in British Columbia live at a latitude where the globe of the world shrinks to shorter distance between East and West than at San Francisco and the cities nearer the Equator. Passengers always, and freight generally, will make for the shortest route.

"Now, the distance from Yokonama to Vancouver is, in round figures, 4,300 miles.

"The distance from Yokohama to San Francisco is, in round figures, 4,700 miles.

"The distance from Vancouver to Hongkong is, in round figures, 5,800 miles.

"The distance from San Francisco to Hongkong is, in round figures, 6,200 miles.

### THE WEST COAST CITIES

"I submit, Mr. Speaker, that the West Coast cities of this Province are the cities which by geographical position, by climate, by natural wealth, by free institutions, seem marked out as the most obvious and attractive ports of call between East and West.

"Our harbours should draw more and more the ships from the Orient, and, in the near future, the ships from the Mediterranean Sea and German Ocean, to pour some at least of the world's cargoes into our shores, and to take from us in return our gathered stores of fish and of minerals, of timber and of coal, of wheat and of fruit.

"Between now and July, 1913, our clear duty is to spend men and money in undertaking and completing works of industrial and engineering enterprise as will fit the need.

"By enlarging our harbours, by extending our facilities by road and rail, we shall entice into our waters not only the combined wealth of Japan and of China—that great country, which, after a sleep of thousands of years, is now in the throes of struggle to awaken to constitutional liberty—not only these, sir, but also the greater water-borne commerce from European markets—gathering into our bosom at once the poured-out treasures of the Eastern and Western hemispheres.

"Finally, let us hold out hands of welcome across the dividing seas, soon to be divided no more, to our brother-traders in the Motherland, bidding their stately fleets or mercantile marine into our harbours, made vast and commodious enough to contain all that