

The following comparison of the difference in mileage distances between the competing lines, which must eventually determine the course of the traffic, will clearly shew the future direction of the general carrying trade:—

DETAILS OF DISTANCES.	MILES.
Quebec to Ottawa via Grand Trunk Ry	337
do do via Q. M. O. & O. Ry	264
Difference in favor of latter.....	73
Quebec to Toronto via Grand Trunk Ry.....	525
do do via Q. M. O. & O. Ry. and proposed new line from Ottawa to Toronto	417
Difference in favor of latter....	88
New York to Toronto.....	547
Boston to do	610
Portland to do	630
Quebec to Pointe Claire via Grand Trunk Ry.	186
do do via Q. M. O. & O. Ry	170
Difference in favor of latter.....	16
Portland to Pointe Claire.....	312

The above will show the necessity for the construction of the direct Ottawa & Toronto Railway, upon the completion of which Quebec will be 120 miles nearer than New York, 193 miles nearer than Boston, and 142 miles nearer than Portland.

	Miles.	
Liverpool to Toronto.....	2650 sea.	} 3067
Via Quebec.....	417 land.	
Liverpool to Toronto.....	3040 sea.	} 3587
Via New York.....	547 land.	

Difference in favor of Quebec..... 520 miles.