

principal ports of Asia to those of our western coast; from which it will be seen, that Seattle's average distance from the ports of Asia is twenty-five miles less than Vancouver's, sixty-three miles less than San Francisco, 368 miles less than San Diego, and sixty-five miles less than Mazatlan. As regards the four ports, the mouth of the Amoor, Shanghai, Canton, and Calcutta, the average distances are respectively 54, 206, 532, 1,212 miles less than to the other ports.

	To Seattle, miles—	To Vancouver, miles—	To San Francisco, miles—	To San Diego, miles—	To Mazatlan, miles—
From Amoor.....	3,850	3,895	4,110	4,520	5,390
From Shanghai.....	5,140	5,215	5,430	5,830	6,700
From Canton	5,900	5,975	6,140	6,550	7,380
From Calcutta.....	8,730	8,805	8,970	9,380	10,210
From Melbourne.....	7,280	7,205	6,930	6,990	7,125
From Sandwich Is...	2,380	2,305	2,050	2,190	2,835
Average distances....	5,542	5,567	5,605	5,910	6,607

If we look to European connections, the following table gives the distances from Liverpool, Havre, and Bremen, to Halifax, St. John's, Portland, Boston, and New York:

	To Halifax.	To St. John's.	To Portland.	To Boston.	To New York.
From Liverpool.....	2,430	1,960	2,750	2,800	2,970
“ Havre	2,540	2,070	2,860	2,910	3,080
“ Bremen	3,080	2,610	3,400	3,450	3,620

There is a scheme on foot of a railroad communication from both Halifax and St. John's to Quebec. The distance