

PRELIMINARY REPORTS.

COMPARISON OF DISTANCES.

In addition to what is adduced on p. 21, respecting different routes for Grain from the Western States to Europe, the following statements of distances are worth attention. They are copied from the "Report on the Ottawa and French River Projects," published in 1863 by the Montreal Board of Trade:—

1st.—*Welland Route.*

Lake Navigation.....	1,145 miles.
River ".....	132 "
Canal ".....	71 "
Total distance Chicago to Montreal.....	1,348 miles.

2nd.—*Ottawa Route.*

Lake Navigation (including Nippissingue).....	575 miles.
River ".....	347 "
Canal ".....	58 "
Total distance Chicago to Montreal.....	980 miles.
Difference in favor of Ottawa Route.....	368 "

3rd.—*Erie Canal Route.*

Lake Navigation Chicago to Buffalo.....	1,000 miles.
Canal " Buffalo to Troy.....	350 "
River " Troy to New York.....	150 "
Total distance Chicago to New York.....	1,500 miles.
" " Chicago to Montreal by the Ottawa.....	980 "
Difference of distance in favor of Montreal....	520 miles.

The trans-Atlantic distances compare as follows:—

New York to Liverpool.....	2,980 miles.
Montreal to Liverpool.....	2,740 "
Quebec to Liverpool.....	2,580 "
Difference in favor of Montreal.....	240 miles.
and in favor of Quebec.....	400 "
Chicago to Liverpool by Lake Erie and New York..	4,480 miles.
Chicago to Liverpool by Ottawa & Gulf St. Lawrence.	3,720 "
Difference in favor of Ottawa and Gulf route..	760 miles.

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