

in the British Empire is the one most likely to be favorably affected by the completion of the Panama Canal. That this is realized is shown by the preparation there being made for increased traffic. Farther north is the fine deep-water harbor of Prince Rupert, the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Company's new transeontinental line, which will become of great importance in the near future. Victoria, on Vancouver Island, and New Westminster on the mainland are fully awake to the potentialities of the change in transport conditions.

The Province of British Columbia, of which these ports are the outlets, is one of great and varied resources, which up to the present time have been but slightly developed, although a growing commercial intercourse has been established with China, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. By way of the Panama Canal, the route from Liverpool to Vancouver has been shortened 5,921 miles. Vessels according to their size and speed require from ten to twelve hours to pass through the Panama Isthmus from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, and all vessels are towed through the Canal locks by electric locomotives, operating on tracks on the lock walls. For a vessel steaming 300 knots per day, this means a saving of twenty days on each voyage.

This route offers a new outlet for the grain exports of the Canadian Northwest, which, hitherto, have been mainly carried by rail to eastern seaports.

The Canal will be a boon to the countries of Western Europe, whose products destined for the Pacific States and the Canadian Northwest will no longer bear the burden of a long rail haul from Atlantic ports, but will be distributed by railroads from the Pacific ports.

The Proposed Great Lakes to Ocean Route

This Great Lakes to Ocean improved waterway when completed as proposed by the Great Lakes and Atlantic Canal and Power Company, Limited, would induce the people of other countries to come to this great inland empire as their best market place, where all that one might require, could be purchased direct.