

Liverpool does the hon. gentleman calculate by the Straits of Belle Isle or by Cape Race?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I think I am taking it by the shortest line I can get; but I think that in taking the distance from Liverpool to Halifax it is not usual to go by the Straits of Belle Isle.

Mr. MACKENZIE. No; but the previous figures referred to the distance from Montreal by sea, 6,063 miles.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. From Liverpool to Montreal, 2,093 miles, I presume would pass by the Straits of Belle Isle. From Liverpool to New York and San Francisco, the distance is 6,830 miles, or 644 miles from Liverpool to San Francisco *via* New York more than it is from Liverpool to Port Moody *via* Halifax, giving another evidence why, in our great national line of railway which we have now provided from sea to sea, we shall not only have a great through line of a most inviting character from one ocean to the other in our country, but we will have a line from Liverpool to Port Moody on the Pacific 644 miles nearer than by the shortest lines that can be obtained by going to New York and thence to San Francisco. Now, Sir, I am quite certain that this statement is one that will be regarded with great satisfaction by the House; and that the Government who assumed the great responsibility a year ago of submitting this contract with the Canadian Pacific Railway for the consideration of Parliament, have great reason to be satisfied, that, after a year's experience, the only change they are obliged to ask Parliament for, is one to authorize a change in the location from Yellow Head Pass to one that will shorten the Canadian Pacific Railway by seventy-nine miles, if it should be found to be practicable.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Will the hon. gentleman supplement his remarks as to distances to this extent—if he is so prepared. Assuming that Kicking Horse Pass is not found practicable, he proposes, as I understand it, that the main line shall be diverted north to the Yellow Head Pass from the upper end of the Qu'Appelle Valley, can he give the distance in that case to the Yellow Head Pass.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I may say, Mr. Speaker, I am glad that the hon. gentleman has asked me that question, because it is a very important one; and one to which I have directed my attention. From Moose Jaw Creek, the westernmost point to which we have authorized the location of the Canadian Pacific Railway *via* the Yellow Head Pass, will not as I believe, increase the length of the Canadian Pacific Railway over what was contemplated, when we had this subject