

And carrying our comparisons a step further we have, from Chicago to New York,

3rd. THE ERIE CANAL ROUTE.

Lake navigation	Chicago to Buffalo.....	1000 miles.
Canal	do Buffalo to Troy.....	850 "
River	do Troy to New York.....	150 "
Total distance Chicago to New York.....		1500 miles.
"	Chicago to Montreal by the Ottawa..	980 "
Difference of distance in favor of Montreal.		520 miles.

Trans-Atlantic distances also compare favorably for us :

New York to Liverpool.....	2980 miles.
Montreal to Liverpool.....	2740 "
Quebec to Liverpool.....	2580 "
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Difference in favor of Montreal.....	240 miles.
and in favor of Quebec.....	400 "

Chicago to Liverpool by Lake Erie and New York.....	4480 miles.
Chicago to Liverpool by Ottawa & Gulf of St. Lawrence.....	3720 "

Difference in favor of Ottawa and Gulf route.....		760 miles.
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The leading advantages to be secured by such a line of interior navigation as it is proposed to open, are to be classed under the following heads.

1st. TIME SAVED.—Because by this route grain could be taken from all ports on Lake Michigan and delivered to sea-going vessels in Montreal two days sooner than by the Welland route, or than by any other route that can be constructed : and in fully eight days less time than is required to lay down in the Harbour of New York a cargo loaded in Chicago or Milwaukee. The better condition for final transfer to Ocean vessels in which the grain will come to hand after the shorter as compared with the longer inland voyage is a point that will be conceded by all shippers, and is one of such moment that it should be prominently kept in view in contrasting the merits of the proposed new route with the existing and more circuitous ones between Lake Michigan and tide-water.

2nd. EXPENSES SAVED.—In the item of Freight-charges alone, the Montreal or Quebec merchant purchasing grain in Chicago or Milwaukee,