

with the advantage of having a road not burdened with the enormous bonded debt that the Central and Union Pacific roads are charged with, we ought to be able to compete over the Canadian Pacific Railway, with fast steamers connecting San Francisco and Victoria, for a considerable portion of the trade, even between San Francisco and certain portions of the western States. That may be thought to be a very extravagant idea, but I believe that with the advantages we enjoy and with the character of the road being constructed, we may not only hope to hold all the traffic of our own country over our own lines, but we may be able to enter upon a sharp and successful competition with either the Northern Pacific Railway or the Central and Union Pacific Railways for the traffic between different sections of the great Republic itself. From Liverpool to Montreal the distance is 2,715 miles, from Liverpool to New York, 3,040 miles, from Liverpool to Port Moody *via* Montreal and the Canadian Pacific Railway, the distance is 6,063 miles; from Liverpool to San Francisco *via* the shortest route that can be obtained in the United States, the distance is 6,830 miles; from Liverpool to Yokohama in Japan, *via* Montreal on the Canadian Pacific Railway, 10,963 miles; from Liverpool to Yokohama *via* New York and San Francisco, 12,038 miles; so that we shall have over the Canadian Pacific Railway the distance from Liverpool to Port Moody *via* Montreal 767 miles shorter than *via* New York and San Francisco, showing that so far as through traffic is concerned, it will be utterly impossible for any route on this continent to begin to compete with the Canadian Pacific Railway. Then, Sir, from Liverpool to Yokohama, *via* the Canadian Pacific Railway, the distance is no less than 1,070 miles shorter than *via* New York and San Francisco, showing that not only in reaching the Pacific Coast, but in reaching Asia, and for through traffic, we shall necessarily make our road the highway between Europe and the East. Then, Sir, looking at it in another bearing which comes a little closer home, the figures will be regarded with very great favor by the House. From Liverpool to Halifax the distance is 2,410 miles, from Halifax to Quebec 680 miles, from Quebec to Montreal 176 miles, from Montreal to Port Moody 2,850 miles, or 3,706 miles from sea to sea. From Halifax to Port Moody the distance is 3,706 miles, from Liverpool *via* Halifax to Port Moody 6,186 miles. From Liverpool to New York the distance is 3,040 miles, from New York to San Francisco 3,790 miles, making 6,830 miles.

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