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SHIPPING CONNECTIONS AT MEDAN, EAST COAST OF SUMATRA.

Medan, the commercial center of the East Coast of Sumatra, has no direct steamship connections with Europe and the United States, with the exception of the Netherlands Lloyd, which calls at Belawan, the port of Medan, to and from Holland for freight and passengers. The frequency of sailings between Belawan and Penang, Singapore and Batavia are at present sufficient for the requirements of the import and export trade, although the necessity for transhipment, either at Singapore or at Batavia adds to the transportation charges and possibly retards in a measure the delivery in foreign countries. Fair progress is being made in the harbor extension at Belawan and it is hoped that within two years ocean-going vessels will be able to enter the Belawan river with safety to discharge and load cargo.

Practically all the steamship companies trading in the Orient have agents in Medan, and through bookings for passengers and freight are obtainable.

The Ocean Steam Ship company Ltd., the Eastern Shipping company Ltd., and the Koninklijke Paketvaart practically control the import and export trade, the latter company, the largest Dutch company in Netherlands India with its 90 ships, furnishes transportation between Sumatra and Java, and all parts of the archipelago. The first-named company has two weekly sailings between Belawan and Singapore, and the Eastern Shipping company a weekly service between Belawan and Penang. The Dutch company has a weekly service between Belawan and Batavia, and occasionaly an extra vessel, and also a service to Penang, in addition to the coastwise connections.

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The following is a list of the steamship agents and lines representated with approximate European and American sailings from Singapore:

Harrisons and Crosfield, Limited;

China Mutual Steam Navigation Co.; with fortnightly sailings to Europe from Singapore, and an average of one sailing per month from Singapore to New York via Suez, and similarly, via Panama, to New York;

Messageries Maratime: very irregular service to Europe via Singapore;

Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co: fortnightly to Europe from Singapore. (The Anglo-Dutch Estates Agency Ltd., represent this company for freight, and Harrisons & Crosfield, Ltd., for passenger.

Glen and Shire Lines; irregular sailings to Europe via Singapore.

The Apcar lines; to British India via Singapore.

Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd; fortnightly sailings to Vancouver from Hongkong.

Francis Peek & Co:

Ellerman & Bucknall Steamship Co, Ltd: running from Singapore to London and from Singapore to New York, etc., fortnightly service.

Independent Steamship Corporation; from Batavia and Singapore to New York direct via Suez Canal, fortnightly service.

Pacific Mail Steamship Co,: from Singapore to Saigon, Manila and San Francisco and from Singapore to Calcutta and Colombo, monthly service.

Robert Dollar Co.: from Java and Singapore to San Francisco, monthly service.

Toyo Kisen Kaisha; from Singapore to San Francisco and Seattle, monthly service.

Yamashita Kisen Kaisha; from Singapore to San Francisco and irregular services from Singapore to Belawan, Bangkok and neighbouring ports.

China Mail Steamship Co.: from Hongkong to San Francisco , seven sailings per year.

Guthrie & Co:

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha: Fortnightly sailings from Singapore to Europe.

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Dela Atjeh: Nippon Yusen Kaisha, fortnightly service from Singapore to Europe.

Rotterdam Lloyd: passenger agents, Van Nie & Co. freight agents, Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij.

Netherlands Lloyd: Passenger agents, Van Nie & Co. Freight agents, Koninklijke Paketvaart.

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