

Railway :

The harbour railway starts from Sakurajima and extends to Umeda, the central station of the City, passing through the industrial district on the north side of the Aji River. Coal, law cotton, and other general cargo for the hinterland are easily transported by this route. Sakurajima is one of the important terminals at the Port and is used as a landing place, as is also Kawakishi-cho on the north side of the River.

Lighterage :

Lighterage in the harbour has a special significance in the system of transportation. With rivers and canals running through the City and its suburbs, the trade of Osaka is largely water-borne, and the principal factories, markets, and warehouses have an economical and convenient means of transportation by lighter, for there is usually some water-way in the vicinity connecting with the harbour. Lighterage has therefore developed extensively, and this is one of the reasons why the practice of handling cargo at sea is flourishing at the Port.

Coaling-Depot :

The coaling-depot at Sakurajima is managed by the Railway Department. Another has just been completed at the mouth of the Shirinashi River, and is managed by Kaishima Shogyo Co. Each has one or two coal conveyers.

Hinterland :

The City, having a large population of 2,100,000, needs an enormous quantity of goods. In addition, the neighbouring prefectures, which are very densely populated and contain many cities and towns within their limits, comprise the most important industrial district in Japan and Osaka is its centre. Such is the hinterland of the Port. It depends upon Osaka for the supply of food-stuffs and raw materials, and at the same time, Osaka serves as a concentrating point for the distribution of its products and manufactures at home or abroad. The