

OCEAN AND LOCAL STEAMSHIP SERVICES.

THE ALLAN LINE.

The Allan Steamship Company maintains a fortnightly service between Liverpool and St. John's, thence to Halifax and Philadelphia, returning from the latter port to St. John's direct, and on to Glasgow, from which place the ships move to Liverpool in order to begin another round voyage. An important improvement in this service is being effected the present year through the employment of the steamer "Pretorian," a much larger, faster and finer ship than those previously used, and it is expected that either this season or next, two other steamers of the same class will be substituted for those that are performing the contract with her during the present year. The Allan steamers enjoy a well-deserved reputation for comfort and security, and this has been amply maintained in the Newfoundland service, in connection with which there has not been a serious mishap to an Allan liner for almost a quarter of a century. The passage rates are very reasonable, approximating \$60 for first-class, and the voyage between Liverpool and St. John's is made within a week. The ships are fitted with wireless telegraphy, and the service is deservedly popular and draws a constantly increasing *clientèle*. Messrs. Shea & Co., of St. John's, are the Newfoundland agents.

FURNESS LINE.

The Furness-Withy Steamship Company maintains a line of steamers between Liverpool, St. John's and Halifax, plying alternately with the Allan ships, so as to afford the colony, really, the advantages of a weekly service. These Furness steamers are excellent sea-