

fully, the first shipment of green fruit in this vessel realizing a handsome figure to the western importer.

The Thomson Line also added two vessels to their Montreal fleet making eleven vessels in all sailing between this port, London, Leith, Newcastle, Dundee and Aberdeen. This line has always been abreast of the times, and during the previous winter fitted three of their vessels with mechanical cold storage, under contract with the Dominion Government, but regret to say that they found the Canadian shippers have not made the use of these cold storage compartments as they might have done, as large quantities of the butter exported was American product. Our cousins to the south of us seem much more alive to the advantages of the cold storage than Canadians, and are ready to take advantage of it whenever offered.

The Cory Line, supplying a long felt want of a direct connection with Cardiff, gave regular sailings last summer, the steamship Ruppera being the pioneer vessel, and it is hoped that this line will continue to give an increased and better service during the next year, as Cardiff is a large distributing centre in the south of Wales.

The Beaver Line also report a very satisfactory season's business. Export freights opened at good paying rates, which have been steadily maintained and increased toward the close of the season, although the closing rates were not quite so high as at the corresponding period of last year, the large apple export of that year being the main cause for the difference. Imports were somewhat greater in volume, and with better trade prospects will no doubt continue to increase. A good passenger business is also reported, and the steamers have performed a very regular service without a mishap of any kind.

Having contracted with the Dominion Government for the carriage of the Canadian mails, the Beaver Line will, during the winter months, perform a regular weekly service between St. John, N. B., and Liverpool, calling at Halifax, N. S., and Moville, Ireland, each way, to land and embark passengers and mails. The line has secured the steamship Gallia, late of the Cunard Line, to run in the service, and this addition to the fleet should attract an increased freight and passenger