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ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP RATES.

A London cable says that the increase of 10 per cent in North Atlantic fares announced this week is only the betrade between the United Kingdom and the United States and Canada. Far more important is the renewal of the pooling arrangement which expired by effluxion of time on June 30 last and was the subject of a conference in London about two months ago. The conference was adjourned October without any satisfactory result being reached. Severally subject to the subject of a conference was adjourned to the subject of a conference in London eral companies claim, and are entitled to a larger participation in the pool than they have hitherto enjoyed, but any alteration is opposed by those lines which would stand to suffer by a rearrangement. The latter are mainly Continental lines, as the Atlantic passenger has recently tended to travel by the non-Continental lines. A further difficulty is introduced by the desire of the Canadian companies not t have anything to do with the pool, but it is thought that the rate of participation of the Dominion lines is increased tney may be induced to co-operate.

Two practical engineers have stated during the last week that when the projected works at St. John are completed it will be the best equipped port on the Atlantic sea board. The gentlemen referred to are Mr. H. A. Woods, assistant chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and Mr. A. M. Bouillon, the district engineer of the company in New Brunswick. Mr. Woods, assistant of the Railway, and Mr. A. M. Bouillon, the district engineer of the company in New Brunswick. wick. Mr. Woods visited St. John to make with his associa a practical study of the site of the company's terminals at St. John Harbor East. The company have some eighty acres on the shores of the harbor and their plans are to be so made as that they shall fit in with those of the Federal Gorenment for a dry dock, ship repair plant, wharves, breakwater and possibly a ship-building plant. The contract for water and possibly a ship-building plant. The contract for the dry dock, etc., may be awarded to Messrs. Norton Grif-fiths & Company, who are the lowest tenderers, and the work to be done will involve eventually an expenditure of \$12,000; 000 or \$14,000,000.