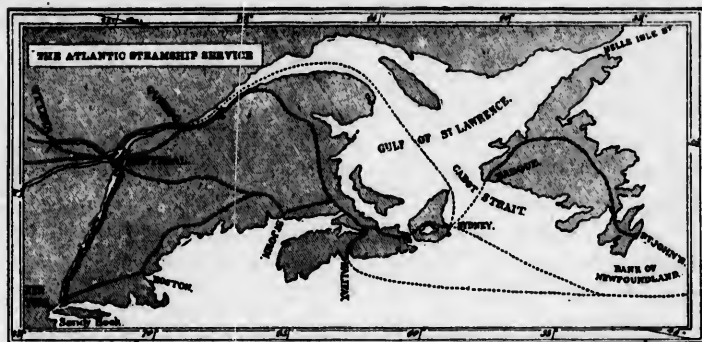


## OUR ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

### III.



SINCE the publication of my two papers on the Atlantic Steamship service, a provisional contract has been entered into with a responsible firm for the establishment of the long contemplated "Fast line": In this agreement the executive has not declared itself in favour of the extreme northern route. The Straits of Belle Isle have not been named, and there is nothing in the terms of the contract to prevent the adoption of conditions, in my view of paramount importance. Prominent among these conditions is the establishment of a "port of call" during the open season on the eastern Atlantic coast of Nova Scotia, such as in a previous communication I have taken upon myself to advocate.

In the two papers which have appeared I did not enter into the circumstances which led me to investigate the subject. I conceived that it was neither necessary nor expedient so to do. I have, however, been advised that the facts by which I have been influenced are not without importance. On this theory I am impelled to submit them to public attention as a continuation of what has been already submitted by me on the subject.