

part of ice. On closer inspection they found that it was an imbedded steamer, and on careful examination they found it was the mission-steamer. She had gone to sea in the ice of her own accord, taking her anchors and chains with her. Oddly enough, too, the seals that the men were in search of were all around her, so much so, that a rumour got about that they were actually taking tea in her cabin. The steamer was cut out and towed to St. Johns, where she had to be condemned and sold for what she would fetch. Many good friends, however, rallied round the work, the value of which had made itself so plainly felt. Money was freely subscribed, the list being headed again by Lord Strathcona, after whom the new steamer is named. She is a smart steel ten-knot boat, with auxiliary sail power, that crossed the Atlantic in ten days. She has a splendid little hospital amidships, and is commanded by the doctor, who happens to be a master mariner.

A third hospital was added last year. It is on the south side of the straits of Belle Isle, and among a people who have no other possible means of getting skilled help. It is in a beau-