

other engagements, as has been fully exemplified by the difficulties and delays heretofore experienced in getting forward the freight destined to Montreal and Ogdensburg, while that to New York has had prompt despatch. The command of a moderate amount of tonnage on Lake Ontario, suitable for the St. Lawrence trade, would remove the cause of the delays above mentioned.

Under all the circumstances, I do not hesitate to state it as my opinion, that the Company should, for the present, control sufficient floating facilities to put them in daily communication with the western shores of Lake Michigan ; at least three times each week with Green Bay ; and once with Lake Superior ; and further, that they should control sufficient tonnage on Lake Ontario to ensure the prompt despatch of business entrusted to them.

A review of the passenger business transacted by your line since its commencement, fully warrants and encourages further exertions towards ensuring its accommodation and increase. Pleasure travel from Chicago and the Southern States is now being rapidly directed over your route ; and even business men, who can so arrange their affairs as to spare an extra day in their journey eastward, are not slow to discover that a route, in which their rest is unbroken between Chicago and New York or Boston leaves them in a much better state for business at its termination, than a journey of the same length during day and night in the suffocating cars of a dusty railway ; and, as it becomes more generally known that the addition of 24 hours in a journey of one thousand miles, will secure the comfort of regular meals and unbroken rest, it is no more than reasonable to suppose that the facilities you offer will be more generally taken advantage of.

Hitherto more difficulty has been experienced in directing passengers over your road from the east ; but these