

boats, specially adapted for the traffic, and give accommodation for a limited number of passengers, they being chiefly intended for the carriage of the enormous quantities of freight, which are transported by these means, and which are growing very much in recent years owing to the development of new industries within the colony. The rates on these steamers are somewhat similar to those on the Allan ships, and the service is excellent. The time occupied in the passage is about seven days. Messrs. J. & W. Pitts, of St. John's, are the Newfoundland agents,

RED CROSS LINE.

The Red Cross Steamship Company operates two excellent passenger ships between New York, Halifax and St. John's, giving a weekly service for most of the year, and a ten-day service for the remainder. Two years ago the powerful new steamship "Florizel" was constructed for this service, one of the strongest and stoutest passenger ships afloat. She formed a remarkable innovation, inasmuch as she was designed to engage in the seal fishery in March and April, and perform this "liner" service during the rest of the year. She proved so successful in the seal hunt, though of 3,000 tons gross bulk, that the Company built a still larger ship, the "Stephano," on the Clyde the past winter, with the same objects in view, and she begins the passenger service in June of this year. These ships do a large tourist traffic in summer of Americans desirous of a change from the torrid summer heats of their own country to the cool, salubrious shores of Newfoundland, and trans-Atlantic passengers also avail themselves of these means of reaching the Island. The first-class rates approximate \$40 for the voyage each way. The ships carry wireless equipment. Harvey & Co., of St. John's, are the Newfoundland agents.