

NO CHANGE OF PORTS.

Mr. John Furness, nephew of Sir Christopher Furness, the owner of the Furness line, of Liverpool; Mr. J. R. Benning, the Canadian representative of the Furness interests, and others connected with the new merged marine interests, were in Sarnia this week and were passengers up on the steamer Harmonic. The Canadian said "the visit is of importance on account of the fact that the party represents both the capital and the administrative end of the new steamship combination, and matters of general policy will no doubt be decided during the course of the trip.

"As far as can be learned in advance, there is no intention of diverting from Sarnia any part of the great and growing traffic now handled by the Northern Navigation Co. The rumor of changing some of the boats to Tillin, on Georgian Bay, following the example of the C. P. R. in abandoning Owen Sound, can be declared to be entirely groundless."

The new steamer which will be built in the coming winter will probably be only the first of several additions to the fleet, the ultimate aim being a daily service.