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QUARANTINE OFFICE, ST. JOHN, N. B.,
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SIR,—I have the honour to submit the following Report of the proceedings of the Quarantine Station, St. John, for the calendar year, 1873.

REPORT

At the commencement of the year small pox prevailed, especially in the United States and the neighbouring Provinces, causing much alarm to the citizens, owing to the constant travel kept up at all times with those infected places—and much anxiety and responsibility were felt in warding off the disease from the city. I am happy to state that but a small number of cases occurred, originating from persons in apparent health on arriving by the cars of the Western Extension, and showing the disease several days after arrival, who were, on discovery, immediately isolated.

On the 5th of January last the brig *Florence*, Munroe, Master, entered the port from Boston, and proceeded to the ballast wharf without a signal for inspection, as the master was not aware of any person ill on board, and discovered that one of the seamen had an eruption, slightly showing the morning after arrival, which I found was "Varioloid." I sent the man forthwith to the Hospital at Partridge Island, and ordered the brig off in the stream for forty-eight hours purification; nothing further occurred.

On the 7th April, the steamship *Trinacria* arrived from Glasgow and Liverpool *via* Halifax; it was inspected with 11 passengers, the first passengers inspected at the commencement of the season.

The steamship *Olympia*, on the 11th of April, had only two passengers.

The *Caledonia*, on the 17th of April, from Glasgow and Liverpool *via* Halifax, had 24 passengers.

The steamship *Castalia* arrived and anchored at the quarantine station on the 10th of May, direct from Glasgow, with 530 souls in steerage and six in cabin, all in good health on inspection, excepting a debilitated child. No deaths occurred on the passage; one birth. The vessel was in a very cleanly satisfactory state, and much credit is due to Captain Butler and his officers. Vessel allowed to enter the Custom House after inspection.

The steamship *Acadia*, from Glasgow and Liverpool *via* Halifax, entered the port, and was inspected on the 21st August, with 32 passengers.

The steamship *Sidonian* arrived on the 7th of September with 19 passengers.

The schooner *Nelson* sailed from New York for this port on the 13th of September; after leaving, one of the seamen took ill and died on the 17th from typhoid fever. The master of the vessel took the disease at the period of the man's death, and was landed at Vineyard Haven on 24th of October. The vessel then proceeded on her voyage to this port. On arrival here on the 4th of October she was purified, and discharged the remaining crew in good health.

The barque *Clara*, Crosby, master, from Danan, Georgia, arrived on the 13th of September, with a signal for inspection. The disease proved to be intermittent fever; one of the crew ill. The vessel was discharged free from inspection.

The foregoing passengers referred to arrived here from Europe in the vessels they embarked in. Many others came *via* Halifax, United States, &c., who did not come under my observation, but were attended to at their respective places of arrival.