

where some short time before, a death had occurred from Small-Pox. He slept in the same bedroom, and, I believe, in the same bed in which the man died. On his return home, the premonitory symptoms began to be manifest, and soon a virulent case was before the eyes of my confidre, Dr. Cranston, under whose care he was placed. During his illness, he was attended by an old French woman, who paid occasional visits to the house of her son, and also her own home, where her daughter, who was *non. comp. ment.*, also resided. The old woman was not attacked, but she was the medium of contagion to her son's children and her daughter, who were seized with the disease, and all passed safely through its different stages, excepting the baby, who died of a complication of congestion of the lungs. It was during my attendance on those people, and noting the case of my friend, Dr. C., that I was first led to believe in this mode of contagion. I would ask you what was the mode of contagion in Small-Pox breaking out in Ottawa? I am led to believe, that it was through the medium (if I may be permitted to use the word in this way) of the Manitoba Commissioners or Representatives, during their visits to the capital. I believe, that another mode is, through the furs and buffaloes brought from Manitoba, where, you are well aware, that the disease has been so rife amongst the half-breeds, from whom those furs and buffaloes have been purchased, either directly or indirectly, and sent abroad throughout this and the old country; where, according to some of the old country journals, the disease is showing itself in some of its worst forms. This may appear hypothetical, but further and deeper investigation will reveal this to be a fact, when many a patient has been laid beneath the sod, and many others have been disfigured. Every effort of a sanitary nature should be put forth to save life, relieve suffering, and prevent disfigurement. I would also recommend those who have not taken the disease, to have their clothes, when taken off at night, sprinkled with carbolized or other disinfectant powder, folded up, and left until morning. Further, medical men or others in attendance, should wear an indian rubber coat and overalls, to be left in a convenient and suitable entrance, that they may change their every day garments for those less liable to retain the infection. That sir, was my plan while attending my cases, and I had the satisfaction of not seeing it spread.

Yours respectfully,

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