

will be held responsible. The Board of Health must have been put to their wits' end by the need of larger quarters and complaints which obliged them to vacate part of the quarters occupied as the two next letters show; the military at Fort George being evidently afraid of infection at a house of Mr. Heron's, near Navy Hall, below Fort George. Lt. Garrett had written complaining and the reply to Lt. Col. Newton, Royal Canadian Rifles states that the building is used solely for healthy emigrants needing temporary relief and shelter from the weather. However it is evident from the next letter that as usual, everything must give way to military law as the building is to be vacated early next morning.

Other cares fell upon the already heavily burdened Board of Health as a letter states that 150 emigrants arrived per Steamer from Toronto without any certificate and goes on to say that there are no public works to furnish employment. The authorities of the State of New York refuse to let them enter their territory. There is nothing to show how the difficulty was met.

It is difficult for us now to realize what the sufferings of those men, women and children, apart from pain and sickness and want. Torn from the land they loved, in strange surroundings, large families, in one case eight children. What must that mother have endured on the way in the fever haunted ship and in the long journey from Quebec to our town. But there are bright spots in the whole story. There were heroic deeds then as well as in these days of heroes willingly giving their lives in Flanders and elsewhere. At Grosse Isle, Sisters of Charity, nurses, physicians, clergymen of all denominations gave their lives. Bishop Mountain waited on the sick. In Toronto Bishop Power, R.C. died. In Bytown now Ottawa a Presbyterian clergyman, Durie died. One from our own neighborhood, Dr. Keefer, of Montreal, son of George Keefer, the founder of Thorold, and the brother of Mrs. John McFarland of Niagara river road died from fever contracted while waiting on the emigrants. And in the list of deaths here we find that one of the nurses, Mr. Sorby contracted the fever and died.

The whole expense incurred here was about one thousand pounds and there seems to have been great delay in sending the funds, as for many months only 150 pounds had been sent and two long letters of Mr. Simpson's give full explanations first to one and then another official. In April 1848 there was a new Provincial Secretary, the Hon. R. B. Sullivan and the whole previous correspondence has to be explained and stating that a sum of 586 pounds, 1 shilling, 3 pence is yet due. The