

of fever at Lennoxville, I have had only one case of typhoid fever, and that was in August last. In the same family, I had a case in July, 1879. Both were clearly due to local causes, independent of any epidemic or contagious influence, and in a locality removed five miles from both Lennoxville and Sherbrooke. Dr. Robertson, who is the only resident physician in Lennoxville, assures me that, in the time stated, he has not had one case of typhoid fever, and I know of no other medical gentleman in the vicinity who has had. I may add, that since the last outbreak, we have had a good deal of measles and scarlet fever in Sherbrooke, and none of them, to my knowledge, were attended by fever with even a suspicion of a typhoid type. I am aware that a son of the Chancellor of the University—a Lennoxville boy—has been ill in Sherbrooke, but I have only heard of his case as one of gastric fever (!). And on the Lennoxville road two cases occurred, the first of which, if it was typhoid fever, may somewhat weaken the strength of my statement; but as I never heard it spoken of as other than low fever, and as a brother, a student at Lennoxville, has since had typhoid fever, it will not weaken it very materially.

If I am correct in my statements, and I am open to correction, it will appear that the two last outbreaks of typhoid fever at Lennoxville grammar school, arose from a *purely local cause*.

For many years, that school has had a most unenviable, as well as a most painful reputation, as the centre of a panic, in some form or other. It is the only school in Canada, that I know of, that has struggled through such a wretched experience. There must have been some counter-balancing good in it, to have enabled it to retain its vitality. It is unquestionably a magnificent school, both for the development of mind and muscle; but it is a reproach to those in charge of it, that an implacable enemy, living on its grounds, or within its walls or wells, should not have been wiped out of existence years ago. I mean that "contagium vivum," that much abused, and now much talked of typhoid fever *germ*.

Unfortunately, for the school, when there has been a threatening of typhoid, or scarlet fever, those in charge, either from