

St. Lawrence; and if after investigation it should be considered that some other point offers greater advantages, then that such other situation be secured and arranged as a quarantine station, and thoroughly equipped with the most modern and best appliances.

2. That Grosse Isle Quarantine Station, in the meantime, should be provided, as far as possible, and without regard to cost, with the most ample and complete wharf accommodation, shelter buildings, disinfecting appliances and water supply.

3. That all quarantine arrangements and equipment should be approved of by the International Commission on Quarantines.

4. That all regulations as to the prohibition of immigration from cholera infected ports, time of detention of vessels at quarantine stations, disinfecting of passengers, crews and vessels and other necessary regulations adopted as precautionary measures, should be of a uniform character in Canada and the United States.

5. That the attention of the Dominion Government should immediately be turned to establishing the most complete quarantine conditions on the Pacific Coast, so that persons, baggage and merchandise entering British Columbia, whether through sea ports or by land across the International Boundary line, shall, if necessary, be effectively quarantined. The desirability of taking this action was actively experienced during the past season, when disease (small pox) was brought into British Columbia from Asia, and disseminated at points throughout the central parts of Canada.

On behalf of the Board,

We have the honor to be

Your Obedient Servants,

[Sgd] ANDREW STRANG,
Vice-President.
CHAS. N. BELL,
Secretary.

Blank copies of this petition were forwarded to Boards of Trade west of and including Port Arthur, Ont., and in most cases they were signed and sent to the Minister of Agriculture. The following reply was returned from the Minister:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Ottawa, October 8th, 1892.

GENTLEMEN:—

I am directed by the Minister of Agriculture to acknowledge your joint letter of the 30th ult., containing representations in relation to the Quarantine Stations at Grosse Isle and in British Columbia.