

with the city. The Grand Jury earnestly distance from the city, of an adequate and call for an entire abandonment of all these properly managed Fever Hospital, for the sites, and the selection of one or more treatment of cases of fever arising among Islands below Montreal, there being, in the resident population; the removal of the fact, more than one suitable in every resort, nuisances abounding even yet, to the respect for the purpose, as the future place of grace of the authorities, in the streets; trans-shipment for the Immigrants on their the setting apart of a class of steam vessel westward. On such Island or Islands, sels, between this city and Quebec, for the the sick should be separated from the exclusive conveyance of passengers other healthy, and detained in proper Hospitals; than newly arrived Immigrants; and the and the healthy should be properly lodged, abandonment of the the prevalent practice and cleanliness enforced among them, du- of conveying the sick and the dead in the ring such detention as may be found un- cabs and calèches in common use; are all avoidable. The bargos should be taken matters which also require notice at the down from the city for them, and should hands of the Grand Jury; and they trust pass directly through the canal, without that the proper authorities will lose no stopping.

The present alarming state of things admits, in the opinion of the Grand Jury, and in that of their fellow citizens universally, of no other remedy. Whatever effort may be made to increase the efficiency of the Quarantine below Quebec, the necessity for this still further change must still subsist, because no such effort can affect the number of the Immigrants arriving on our shores, or relieve their destitution, or materially lessen their liability to fall sick on their route.

At present the Grand Jury must, on their oaths, present to your Honors the fact; that the greatest and most reasonable alarm prevades the public mind; that cases of infectious fever are fearfully numerous in all parts of the city; that the mortality consequent on the prevailing fever is great, and among the unfortunate Immigrants fearful in the last degree; that many of our best and most valued citizens have fallen and are daily falling victims to their benevolent efforts to discharge the duties which humanity and religion call on them to perform in the behalf of these sufferers; and that the commerce of the city is seriously injured in a variety of ways, from the interruptions to all business near the canal, the greatly lessened number of purchasers of goods coming in from the country, the failure of the markets, caused by the alarm of the country people, the almost entire stoppage of all pleasure travelling, and the constant departure from the city of such families as are not under any necessity of remaining here.

The immediate establishment, at a safe

The Grand Jury have had under their consideration two important cases during the present Session, against one James Crow and Thomas Nowlan, for highway robbery and shooting at the person of Mr. Sheriff Coffin, with intent to commit felony. These cases have been tried, and they are happy to find that the parties implicated have been convicted and sentenced to be imprisoned in the Provincial Penitentiary during the term of their natural life.

The Grand Jury, in alluding to these cases, have been induced to do so to bear their testimony to the energetic and praiseworthy conduct of His Honor Mr. Justice Day and Mr. Sheriff Coffin, on the occasion of the commission of the offences in question, and especially to the latter gentleman, who, at the most imminent risk of his life, secured the culprits, and thus they have reason to believe that an organized band of robbers was broken up; for previous to their apprehension, offences of a similar character were of frequent occurrence, whilst none have since taken place; and the Grand Jury beg leave, in the name of the District, to tender their acknowledgments to these two gentlemen for their laudable behaviour on the occasion referred to.

The whole is respectfully submitted.

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(For all the Grand Jury.)

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