

I returned to Quebec, and I several times heard that they were continuing to improve. On the 12th, Mr.— came up to Quebec, when I learnt that all were quite well with the exception of E., in whom the tropical symptoms had not yet disappeared, and W., who though much better, was still suffering from the enlarged gland, which, it was feared, would suppurate. I may here mention that three years before I had been called in to consult with the late Dr. Fremont in the case of W., who had then, with the rest of the family, been attacked with scarlet fever: on that occasion the parotids had been enormously enlarged and the lungs congested—one of the glands had suppurated, and an early opening had been made to discharge the matters. I now recommended that the matter should be discharged as early as possible, and I learnt that it was and continued to hear favourable accounts of his progress till the afternoon of Monday, the 22nd, when I unexpectedly heard that he had died that morning. All the members of the family and all the servants had either been attacked with the eruptive fever or with sore throat and enlargement of the glands. I believe the governess alone escaped, though exposed in every way to contagion, and almost overcome with the fatigue of watching and nursing. I saw them all with the exception of the last boy; and Dr. Campbell, of Montreal, being in Cacouna, was called in by Dr. Thomas, and he unhesitatingly pronounced this case, scarlet fever. Up to this time no other case had occurred in Cacouna, but at last a groom in the employment of Mr. Ross, of Quebec, was attacked, and Dr. Sewell the attendant of Mr. Ross's family being in Cacouna, was consulted and pronounced it a case of scarlet fever. The man was sent to the Marine Hospital, Quebec; and Dr. Roy has informed me that he viewed it as a case of scarlet fever. I have also been told by Dr. Sewell that he never doubted that it was scarlet fever.

I cannot speak of these cases, not having seen them, but I had the pleasure of calling on Dr. Campbell a few weeks ago in Montreal, and he is still positive that the boy D., whom he saw, had scarlet fever; and moreover I was informed by him that he had ascertained that during the preceding winter, an exanthematous fever, called by the *habitans* "fièvre rouge" had prevailed, and that some of the inhabitants of the house subsequently occupied by my friends, had had the disease, and that they had carefully concealed the circumstance from Dr. Thomas, who, during the winter, resides permanently at Rivière du Loup. I can have no doubt that Dr. Campbell is right in his conviction, since he believes in *second* attacks of scarlet fever many of which he asserts he has seen. Drs. Campbell and Sewell are both, like myself,