

hundred dollars, was not assumed probably to the exposure to direct contagion of many valuable lives that thousands of dollars could not replace. What we would urge on our Board of Health is to provide at once, without further delay, one or more vehicles to be placed at either hospital, or at the police stations, these for use only in conveying persons suffering from contagious diseases from their homes to the hospitals. A city bye-law exists prohibiting public vehicles for hire, taking dead bodies to the cemeteries; a very good addition to this law should enact that no public vehicle for hire, should under any circumstance, convey any person suffering from a contagious malady from their home to any hospital. This bye-law could only be rendered efficient by the civic authorities providing other means for the conveying of the sick. Such a precautionary measure would at least allay that public anxiety which does exist on this point, and would be but just to all parties concerned. Here even, in this necessary measure, delay will we have no doubt occur, delay which may spread epidemic disease and death into many families. Had we a general Board of Health for the Dominion, such an enactment would be passed and forthwith carried out. Our local Board of Health are powerless, they possess no independent authority, and were they to pass any measure requiring direct outlay, would have to submit the proposal to our council board, with the possible chance of its taking at least six months before a vote could be obtained, and then possibly shelved.

We have thus far dwelt on the subject of the contagious character of Small Pox, the same may be said of Scarlet Fever, Measles, Whooping Cough and Cholera. We had intended suggesting the best means for preventing the spread of contagious maladies, these consist mainly in isolation and strict segregation. The propriety of establishing temporary Small Pox Hospitals at a reasonable distance from the city, should under present circumstances be entertained and carried out. The length of this article obliges us to reserve until our next issue, the publication of what we desire to say on this important topic.

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#### A REVIEW OF THE TRIAL OF ANDREW HILL FOR MURDER.

In the month of May last, we took notice of the trial of Andrew Hill, for the murder of his wife, and in the course of our remarks, we stated that in our opinion the theory of the medical witnesses for the defence was wild and extravagant, and we maintain that our opinion was based on just and reasonable grounds. That the deceased could have died of the bursting of a thrombus, we regard