

will be found these boards, with a hand painted upon them, the finger pointing to the road, and the words, "so many miles to the provision depot and house of refuge." Here will be found a kind keeper, provided with 15 brls. flour, 7 brls. pork, 5 brls. peas, some preserved meats, clothing, blankets, and a well-filled medicine chest, and a warm house, till their fate is made known and they are taken off the Island and brought to the mainland, whence they are sent to their homes. The British Board of Trade paying liberally all the expenses for British Registered Vessels' crews; foreign Consuls for those of the nations they represent, and the Dominion Government for crews of Dominion Vessels.

In November last, the British Barque "Bristolian," Capt. McLimont, with a crew of 15 men, and the Canadian Brigantine "Pamlico," 9 men, were wrecked on Anticosti; the former near Becksie River, the latter at Strawberry Bay. I am told that the few fishermen at Strawberry Bay went up to their arms in the ice and the water to help to take the nearly frozen, dripping wet crew off the "Pamlico;" they built fires on the shore, warmed them, and took them to their homes as soon as they could move—all were saved.

But the poor fellows of the "Bristolian" fared far worse; the high billows of the ice-cold sea rolled over the ship, carried away one of the crew, unable to keep his hold on account of ice, and wetting the other poor exhausted sailors to the skin, two of whom dropped upon the deck and lay there frozen corpses with probably 12 feet of ice over them. Two more of the crew died shortly after reaching shore, from exposure. The others, probably possessed of warm clothing, yet frost-bitten and wet, were taken into the small hut of the only fisherman in the locality, where they met with the most christian kindness, but must have been a heavy addition to a family already scantily supplied with the necessaries of life.