

Andrews, in order that their condition may be ascertained, and as to what repairs may be necessary," the undersigned beg leave to report that—On the 12th day of September we visited the Island, which is situated about 6 miles in an easterly direction from Saint Andrews, and has an area of about 3 acres. The property on the Island belonging to the Government consists of four wooden Buildings, and one Sail Boat, viz:—Two Hospitals, a Keeper's House, and a Shed.

No. 1 Hospital is 60 feet by 25, has two flats and a basement story, the latter partly under the surface of the ground. The upper flat is without divisions, has a planed floor, but no further finish. The lower flat is divided into four rooms and an entrance hall; the rooms have all been plaistered, and are in fair condition. There have been originally two chimneys, but both have fallen down; the outside of the building has been shingled and painted. We directed the Keeper to clear up the rubbish from the fallen chimneys, and to close the holes in the roof to prevent the rain and snow from falling into the building.

No. 2 Hospital is 50 by 22 feet, has been shingled but not painted, and appears generally in good condition; the inside has no finish further than benches and sleeping berths, is well adapted for a Summer Hospital, but would be cold for Winter.

The Keeper's dwelling is 24 by 20 feet, is divided into two rooms and a bed room.

The Boat was built two years ago, is 16 feet keel, and cost eleven pounds.

The Keeper has a wife and family, lives on the Island, has charge of the establishment, and receives £25 per annum for his services.

We found no patients on the Island, and from the condition of the buildings are of opinion that no further repairs are necessary at present, than those ordered on the roof of No. 1 Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

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JAMES BROWN.

#### No. 4.

Report of T. Jones, Esquire, to Chief Commissioner Board of Works.

*Immigration Office, St. Andrews, 17th January, 1858.*

SIR,—I hope I have not deferred too long the following statement respecting the Quarantine Island here, which I recollect you requested, and I promised to send you.

When the Surveyor General and yourself visited the Island, in company with me, last October, I think you agreed that it was of about four acres in area, and was situated between six and seven miles in the Bay to the northeast of Saint Andrews, and that the burial ground and buildings on it occupied about a fifth of the whole Island.

This Island was granted to the Justices of Charlotte, in trust, in the year 1832, on their application, in consequence of the arrival of a ship from Europe with Asiatic Cholera on board. It was called in the grant, Little Hardwood Island, but has since been more commonly known by the name of Quarantine or Hospital Island.

The Legislature furnished the funds also in that year to build the Dwelling House, for the accommodation of a medical man, and the keeper of the Island, and for the erection of the Hospital and Shed, which stand on the northern side of the Island. In 1848 there was a great influx of Immigrants and much ship fever, when the Legislature again furnished funds for the erection of an additional building, which is the large Hospital, which you may remember stands on the southern end of the Island.

These Buildings, together with an ineffectual attempt to obtain water, by the sinking of a deep well, through the solid rock, and subsequent alterations and repairs, have cost the Province between £500 and £600.

The care of this Island, in the absence of sickness, was entrusted to an elderly person of the name of Holland, who was paid a small annual sum by the Superintendent Mr. Boyd, and on his resignation, continued by me, till 1856, when a more suitable Keeper was, at my instance, appointed by the Government, on the representation of Mr. Perley, Her Majesty's principal Immigration Officer, with a salary of £25 per annum. This Keeper, Laughlan Hanlon, is paid quarterly by the Deputy Treasurer here, on a certificate from me of the faithful discharge of his duties. You carefully examined all the buildings on the Island, and I believe came to the conclusion, that by taking down what remains standing of the two stacks of chimneys in the northern Hospital,