

the public. To the principle of such an attempt there probably will be no objection, but we fear that it would be impossible to carry it out with fairness. The shipowner ought to be able to know beforehand with certainty for which of his passengers he would have to pay more, and for which of them less, on arriving at their destination. This, we think, would be impracticable with such multitudes as go to Canada and New Brunswick. Ten or twelve thousand pass through Quebec in a week. It is absolutely necessary on the one hand, that they should not be delayed; it would also be necessary, however, if a discriminating tax were established, that there should be sufficient time to admit of its being levied with equity. On the whole we are disposed to give up this idea, as not admitting of being carried into effect successfully.

Proposal of a higher emigrant tax.

But we see no reason why the emigrant tax in both provinces should not be raised to two dollars, which would increase the available funds for relief, without making that difference which would do more than exclude the most indigent and worst provided class.

Subject to increase in case of quarantine.

And beyond this it may be a question, whether, in order to give the shipowner an interest in taking over the people in good health, and to render the vessel liable for part of the burthen which sickness casts upon the public, the Governor may not be usefully empowered by the Provincial Legislature to exact an extra tax, if the vessel requires to be put into quarantine. The rule might be, that if placed in quarantine for any other purpose than merely cleaning or observation, the Governor should have discretionary power to require payment of double tax, for which the shipowner should be liable, and if detained more than eight or ten days (as may be thought fit) to impose payment of treble tax.

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We have, &c.
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Enclosure No. 1.

MORTALITY IN CANADA EMIGRATION.

Y E A R.	Number Embarked.	Number of Deaths.			Average per Cent.	
		On Voyage.	In Quarantine.	TOTAL.	Including Quarantine.	Excluding Quarantine.
1841	28,280	156	38	194	·69	·55
1842	44,692	264	54	318	·71	·59
1843	21,807	54	26	80	·37	·25
1844	20,245	86	17	103	·51	·42
1845	25,515	111	29	140	·55	·43
1846	33,025	204	68	272	·82	·62
TOTALS -	173,554	875	232	1,107		

AVERAGE OF THE SIX YEARS.

Deaths on the Voyage - - - - - 0·5 per cent.

Deaths in Quarantine - - - - - 0·13 per cent.

0·63 per cent. on number embarked.