

It is to be regretted that the grant of the province to make the survey is so limited ; the whole sum will scarcely be sufficient to meet my travelling and other incidental expenses, and I am prevented from exploring veins of ore with labour adequate to their importance.

I cannot but hope that this brief outline of what has been effected by geological exploration will meet with approval. A full report of all my proceedings will be made to your Excellency as early as possible, and no labour will be withheld to render the survey as perfect as my abilities will allow.

I have, &c.

St. John, August 7, 1838.

(signed) *Abraham Gesner.*

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NOTE by Sir *John Doratt*, M.D., relating to Appendix (A.) No. 3.

THE only hospital appertaining to the city of Quebec is one denominated "The Marine Hospital," in a very unfinished state, having one wing erected, the other only in foundation. The building in its present state admits between 70 and 80 patients ; receives only emigrants and seamen by act of the legislature, being supported by a capitation tax on emigrants, and a tonnage duty from the shipping.

The hospital belonging to the convent of L'Hotel Dieu, at Quebec, admits from 25 to 30 patients, partly supported by the revenues of the convent, and aided largely by the legislature. This institution admits persons of every class and religion, but refuses admittance to all persons labouring under contagious diseases.

(signed) *John Doratt*, M.D.

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