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The above, nineteen cases in all, were the number treated at Lawlor's Island during the year; six of these cases died—three from small pox and three from scarlet fever.

Although I have endeavoured to carry out quarantine instructions, and have used every precaution to avoid disease entering the port, yet I have been careful to avoid acting in any way to unnecessarily embarrass shipping and commerce.

The captains of vessels and pilots now understand well what is required of them when entering the port with disease on board, and I anticipate less trouble in the future in getting quarantine regulations carried out.

The quarantine buildings at Lawlor's Island originally contracted for, have been completed during the past summer, and afford very comfortable accommodation for the steward and his family, and for the number of patients we are likely to have at any time.

The station and the property on the island belonging to the Department are being well taken care of by the very attentive and efficient steward and matron.

It is with considerable difficulty and inconvenience that we approach the island, in consequence of having no proper landing place. I would urge the necessity of not allowing another summer to pass without constructing the contemplated wharves and remainder of the roads.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

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