

Civic Hospital being at that time closed). No evidence is adduced to show that isolation was carried out. On the 1st of April one Pelagie Robichaud died in the same institution from smallpox. This woman was a servant in the hospital, and there is reason to believe had had access to the patient above alluded to. "Her decease is immediately followed by such a large number of other cases among the persons in the establishment that it is thought necessary, to save the establishment itself, to dismiss all the patients presenting no symptoms of the contagion and who could go home. What must have been the consequence for the city of sending away the patients at the Hotel-Dieu by the decision of the 14th of April, when the Rev. Sister Superior of this house said to us that 'From the 8th to the 18th of April we counted sixteen cases of smallpox removed from the Hotel-Dieu to the Civic Hospital?'" The folly of this step we have previously discussed. Thus, the report clearly attributes the outbreak to the original focus in the Hotel-Dieu, which, having attained within its walls a certain force, was allowed to expand itself in all directions by sending to their homes many persons already in the stage of incubation. The Committee then proceeds to make certain suggestions to prevent the possible recurrence of a similar calamity in the future. They are sound, and are chiefly as follows:—That a civic smallpox hospital should be *always* open, provided with such a staff as circumstances may indicate. That the Medical Health Officer should be well posted as to the sanitary state of the various cities on the railroad lines communicating with Montreal. That any case of smallpox in the city should be at once isolated in the hospital. That steps be taken to guard the city against contamination from the surrounding municipalities. Finally, they urge the systematic vaccination of all young children, and to this end recognize the necessity for a register of births. The report and the evidence taken are published *in extenso* in pamphlet form, and is an official history of the outbreak. It is to be devoutly hoped that the practical suggestions made will never be lost sight of by our Board of Health.