

APPENDIX births, diseases, and deaths, to compare the influence of one climate with another upon the health and longevity of its inhabitants; and here, it is worthy of remark, that the health and longevity of the people of some parts of this Province, especially at Sandwich for instance, are not less than those in any other part of the known world, there being a greater number of persons, in proportion to the population of that township, who have long resided there, whose ages exceed ninety, and who enjoy good health, than in any other part of the civilized world.

A well-written Medical Topography would go far to remove the prejudice, founded in ignorance, that the climate of British North America is unhealthy.

Your committee would further remark, that a popular view of the Topography of British America, more especially of the Canadas, comprehending the Physical Geography, climate, &c., illustrated by meteorological and statistical tables, by which to establish the comparative salubrity of the climate, and the health, longevity, and mortality of the inhabitants of particular parts of British North America with the British Isles and the continent of Europe, would be a desideratum, more especially, as there is not a work upon the subject written in Canada, or description of our Topography extant.

This subject was first brought before the English public in about 1821, by Dr. Hennen, in a paper entitled "Sketch of a plan for Memoirs on Medical Topography," yet it was not until 1830 that any thing more than mere "Sketches" appeared before the public; when, after the death of Dr. Hennen, his son published Sketches of the Medical Topography of the Mediterranean, which have been an invaluable acquisition to the Medical and Literary World.

A similar work of Upper Canada would do much towards removing one of the greatest objections made by wealthy emigrants to a residence in Upper Canada; that the climate is not healthy, which, your Committee are aware, is an erroneous opinion, and one that such a work would materially tend to remove.

Your Committee, therefore, respectfully recommend to your Honorable House, to grant the prayer of the Petitioner, by authorising his Excellency, when such a work shall be published, to take a certain number of copies, for the benefit of Emigrants and others, and to enable the publisher to meet the expense of publication.

CHARLES DUNCOMBE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
House of Assembly, February 27, 1834.

REPORT of Select Committee on Kingston Hospital.

To the Honorable Commons House of Assembly.

The Committee to whom was referred the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respecting the support of the Kingston Hospital, of the 16th day of December last, and the accompanying Petition from one of the Commissioners for the construction of that Hospital, have agreed to the following

REPORT:

That many persons will be collected at Kingston and York, who will need the assistance of the Hospitals at those places, may be expected for various reasons, and is proved by the numbers who have already received such relief in these towns. The Committee have obtained Returns of persons who have received aid from the York Hospital, from which it appears, that during the last three years, 1551 patients have been admitted into the Hospital, and within the last two years, 3240 persons have obtained assistance as out-patients.

Although the Committee have not obtained similar Returns from the Hospital supported by the Female Benevolent Society in Kingston, and aided by small grants at different times by this House, yet the Committee, from the personal knowledge of some of their Members, can confidently state, that the number who have been assisted and relieved by that Society is very great. The Committee indeed do not think it necessary to insist upon the importance of these Institutions, as your Honorable House have shewn their opinion of it by various grants made to them, and especially by the grant of the second Session of this Parliament, in aid of the erection of an Hospital there. It has been, therefore, with much satisfaction that the Committee have learned from persons acquainted with the subject, that a site for the building has been procured by the Commissioners, which combines many advantages, and that contracts have been formed for its construction, on a plan that is equally commodious and economical; and as the Committee have great confidence in the Commissioners appointed in the Act, they trust the work will be completed in a satisfactory manner.

That an adequate and permanent provision for its support should be made, is desirable; but as the Committee cannot recommend a grant of money for the purpose, and as the voluntary and occasional contributions of benevolent individuals do not constitute such sure and sufficient resources as the wants and usefulness of

the Institution require, they have agreed to recommend that an application should be made to His Excellency for an ample endowment of this Hospital from the waste lands of the Crown, and they present an Address to His Excellency for this purpose; and as the provision for the York Hospital stands on the same ground, they have drawn the Address so as to include that Institution in the application.

MARSHALL S. BIDWELL,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
3rd March, 1834.

MEMORIAL of the Inhabitants of Dundas.

To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, K. C. B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada,—

The Memorial of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Village of Dundas, in the Gore District,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your Memorialists, inhabitants residing in the village of Dundas, are deeply interested in the completion of the DesJardins Canal,—a public work which has been for years in progress, and, when finished, will form a direct water communication between the village and Lake Ontario.

Your Memorialists would beg leave to state to your Excellency, that from the geographical position of Dundas, combined with its other natural advantages, it will, when the said canal is completed, become the receptacle for all the produce of the western country.

Your Memorialists would therefore beg leave to state to your Excellency, that by the completion of the said canal, advantages would not only be derived by those in its immediate vicinity, but also by a great number of His Majesty's subjects in the western parts of this District, and also in the District of London.

Your Memorialists would further beg leave to state to your Excellency that nearly nine years have elapsed since the said canal was first commenced—that in the beginning of the year 1832, it was found that the amount of stock subscribed was insufficient to complete the said work, and application was made to the Provincial Legislature by the stockholders of the said company, and other inhabitants of the district of Gore, for a grant of £5000.

Your Memorialists would further beg leave to state to your Excellency, that from what information they can procure, they are unable to learn whether the said sum of Five Thousand Pounds granted by the Legislature, has been expended in such a manner as is consistent with the Provincial enactment by which the same was granted.

Your Memorialists, therefore, humbly pray that Your Excellency will exercise those privileges with which you are vested, as the representative of our Sovereign, and cause an investigation to be made, whereby your Memorialists and the public in general may be made aware whether the said Five Thousand Pounds have been expended consistently with the purview of the Provincial Statute passed on the 28th day of January, 1832.

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

ANDREW T. KIRBY.
JAMES B. EWART.
WALTER H. DICKSON:
JAMES WEIR,
ROBERT SPEIRS.
BENJAMIN OVERFIELD.
JOHN GAMBLE.
JOHN LESSLIE.
THOMAS RACEY.
JAMES WHARRIE.
DANIEL CAMPBELL,

And One Hundred and Nine others.

REPORT of Select Committee on Petition of Inhabitants of Dundass.

NAMES OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

MESSRS. NORTON, CHAIRMAN.
MERRITT,
ROBLIN,
PERRY.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Inhabitants of Dundass, sent down to the Honorable the House of Assembly by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor; and also, the petition of John Patterson, and others, upon the subject of the expenditure of £5,000 loaned to the Desjardins Canal Company by the Government—

BEG LEAVE TO REPORT:

That your Committee have carefully investigated the matter brought under their consideration by the petitioners, and regret that