

who recovered, however, went to the United States, where they had originally intended to go, coming to St. John for the reason that, under the conditions of trade at that time, passages in ships to this port were easily obtained.

At various other ports of New Brunswick, outside of St. John, fever ships arrived, and in some cases the disease made great havoc. At Miramichi, for instance, the ship Looshtauk came into port early in June with a list of 117 who had died on the voyage. Between the 3rd and 5th of June 29 others died on the ship while in port, and 96 more died after the passengers were removed to the hospital. Dr. Vondy died from the fever while attending the sufferers.

The quarantine hospital at Partridge Island was closed during the first week in November, and the patients were removed to the poor-house hospital in the city. By that date the epidemic was under control, though deaths continued to take place for some time afterwards.

The number of Irish immigrants landed on Partridge Island that year was 15,000. About 800 died on the voyage. The number of those who died at the quarantine hospital after being landed was 601. There is a record of that many, but it is probable that many others who died on the vessels in quarantine and were also buried on the Island are not included in it. The number of deaths at the poor-house hospital was 595, but there were many others who died at the sheds and in lodgings, of whom there is no official account. The total mortality among the immigrants was thus considerably in excess of 2,000.

For more than half a century the grass has grown over the unmarked and unhonored graves of the hapless immigrants who died on the Island. Some years ago, there were to be seen a few rude wooden head-