

in which no emigrants had been carried this season, naming the *Scotland*, *Traveller*, *England*, and *Ireland*, as being at his disposal for such service, and requiring to know whether Mr. Bethune would consent to such an arrangement.

"To this, Mr. Bethune replied, offering, as improvement upon the plan, and in place of the steamers named (which were freight boats, and without proper accommodation for officers), to send the *Admiral*, a boat which had been employed between Toronto and Niagara, and which had not carried emigrants, to bring up the officers and men, and offering the freight boats to bring up the women and the baggage. To this offer Mr. Bethune received no answer.

"The *Admiral* steamer was then employed on the Kingston line, and for the purpose of preserving her in a condition to comply with the requisition of H. M. officers, she was not allowed to carry emigrants—Mr. Bethune employing other steamers for the conveyance of emigrants at great expense. He informed the Baron DeRottenburg of this arrangement, and who was shewn over that boat, newly painted throughout and in perfect order for the conveyance of troops. The Baron DeRottenburg (Assistant Quarter Master General), on that occasion observed, that the boat would do very well.

"In the month of August, Mr. Bethune learned that the right wing of the 81st Regiment were conveyed from Toronto to Kingston, in Her Majesty's steamer *Cherokee*, and the right wing of the Rifles conveyed by the same boat from Kingston to Toronto.

"In the same month, about a hundred pensioners were moved from Kingston to Toronto in a steam freight boat, not belonging to Mr. Bethune, and which had carried emigrants during the season; and this, notwithstanding that one of Mr. Bethune's boats was in port at the time of the embarkation, and the Captain offered to convey the pensioners without any emigrants being allowed on board.

"On the 14th September, Mr. Bethune addressed a letter to Colonel Fraser, the Deputy Quarter Master General, stating that he had been informed that Captain Sutherland, of the steamer *Magnet*, had been requested to tender for the transport of troops from Kingston to Hamilton, and praying that the matter might be brought under the consideration of the Commander of the Forces, also offering to have the steamer *Admiral*, as well as another steamer in which no indigent emigrants had been conveyed, in readiness to convey the troops, so soon as their arrival at Quebec