

the Emigrant Agent, is the one who holds out his hand at the same time for pecuniary aid in the shape of a free passage. From an intimate knowledge of the subject and an experience of twenty-six years, during which the writer has seen and inspected upwards of 700,000 Emigrants, he can say that not one in ten thousand comes out to this country without some destination in view, from which they are not to be turned by all the Emigrant Agents in the Province; however much they may, and do conceal this destination, whenever it may be to the United States, in the hope of obtaining pecuniary aid with the advice tendered to them. Infractions of the Imperial Passenger Act are now rare; and the only person in a position to ascertain or to investigate them, is the medical officer who sees the passengers on their arrival and can establish the effect of such infractions of the Act upon the health and condition of the Passengers during the voyage.

The Regulations for the ensuing year have however been issued by Proclamation, and the Establishment at Grosse-Isle, now that all expense has been incurred and that it is in working order, is not to be used, except in certain cases where a vessel is reported to be very sickly, &c.; all other vessels will after a medical inspection, either clean, wash and purify on board off the River St. Charles in the Port of Quebec, or proceed at once to their destination; for though the Regulations require in certain cases that Emigrants should be landed to wash and purify on shore, yet as no place is mentioned, and as there is none either off the River St. Charles or in the Port and harbour of Quebec where such washing and purification could be done, that part of the Regulations must be considered a dead letter. The yards of the Marine Hospi-