

CANADA.

this class of persons remaining to prosecute, the application of any other than summary jurisdiction must prove unavailable.

I would beg to submit, that the provincial law should be so amended as to afford emigrants arriving in this country from foreign ports, the same protection as to emigrants from the United Kingdom: this might be effected by giving power to the magistrates here to inquire into all infringements of the emigrant laws of the country from which the complainant may have sailed, and to exercise summary jurisdiction therein. It would also be desirable that the production of the parties' contract tickets should be admitted as *prima facie* evidence of the contract by the Court, and that the computation of children and adults should be made the same in the Provincial as in the Imperial Act. The 12th clause, which requires the ship to give bonds in certain cases, would also appear to require modification, as the provision therein made has, in some instances, from the legal construction given, operated in a manner extremely onerous to masters of passenger vessels; this more especially in cases when the emigrant, after passing medical inspection at the port of embarkation, has taken passage in perfect health, but during the voyage may have contracted disease or infirmity from accident or otherwise, as to render him incapable of obtaining a livelihood after landing on our shores; in this case, the master has been obliged to give a bond for 75 *l.*, thus making him liable for the occurrence of disease or infirmity over which he had no control. In view of these circumstances, I would respectfully suggest, that the Act be so amended as to relieve the ship from the obligation of giving bonds in cases, when it could be satisfactorily proved that the emigrant was healthy and free from any mental or physical disease on embarkation, but had become infirm from disease or accident while on the passage, in which case power might be granted to this department to send back the party to the port from whence they sailed.

Expenditure.

The expenditure of the emigration department, including the quarantine establishment and the charges connected with the care of the sick, amounts to 8,815 *l.* 16 *s.* 10 *d.*

Of this sum there was disbursed, under the direct superintendence of this office, 7,222 *l.* 4 *s.* 4 *d.*, constituted as follows:—

	£.	s.	d.
For quarantine establishment - - - - -	2,415	2	6
For emigration department - - - - -	4,807	1	10
	7,222	4	4
Cost of steam-boat service for the quarantine station during the season, disbursed by the Board of Works - - -	1,350	-	-
Amount of expenses incurred for the medical treatment of emigrants admitted into the Marine and Emigrant Hospital, during the year ending 31 December - - - - -	243	12	6
	£.	8,815	16 10

The several heads of expenditure on account of the quarantine establishment, during the season of 1856, above referred to, were as follows:—

	£.	s.	d.
Pay of officers, staff, &c. - - - - -	1,962	14	9
Hospital supplies - - - - -	107	9	-
Washing - - - - -	14	7	11
Cartage - - - - -	57	-	-
Drugs - - - - -	37	12	11
Coffin boards, &c. - - - - -	16	-	6
Printing, advertising, and stationery - - - - -	42	7	-
Sundry supplies for the use of the station - - - - -	102	10	5
Advance to wintering party - - - - -	75	-	-
	£.	2,415	2 6

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