

probable that the material cause of the disease, the cholera poison, was brought by the emigrants from Europe, and as in one of the ships, all the persons attacked, with one exception, were Germans, the crew altogether escaping, it may be inferred that it was brought by the German emigrants in their clothes, and the captain of the "New York" states that immediately before the outbreak in that vessel, the weather had suddenly become colder, and there was a general over hauling of chests for warmer clothing, and this was succeeded by the prevalence of warmth already noticed. This warmth, together with the state of the air, which would be present in an emigrant ship, would be conditions obviously most favourable to the increase of the morbid matter when once it was set free."

The other mode by which it may be explained is, that the passengers of the "Pembertons" might have contracted the disease at Grosse Isle; "as to the spontaneous character of the first case of cholera from this ship one cannot admit it in the present instance, inasmuch as several cases succeeded it at short intervals from each other, and it is readily seen that the same influence was exerted on them all." But we now come to the real solution of the attack of the "Pembertons," which is in these words: "We would also notice the case of the "*Harmony*" as falling under the same circumstances as the "*Pembertons*," and the same explanations submitted in the one equally apply to the other. It cannot, however, be overlooked that the passengers of the "*Harmony*" occupied the same sheds on the Island, which four weeks before had been inhabited by the passengers of the "*Glenmanna*," and it will also be seen on reference to the deposition of the master of the "*Harmony*" that his passengers had indiscriminately mixed with those of other vessels, the "*Pembertons*" and the "*Alfred*."

The report of the Quarantine Commissioners sums up as follows: "Having carefully examined all the facts which have been derived from a large body of evidence, as well as after an attentive study and impartial consideration of the best authorities which have been presented to the medical world on subjects so deeply interesting and important as those confided to our investigation, we have arrived at the following conclusions:

"1st. That Asiatic cholera made its first appearance in the port of Quebec on the twentieth of June last, and from that date extended to Montreal and the Western parts of the Province in the following order:

Montreal.....	22nd June
Kingston.....	25th "
Hamilton.....	24th "
Toronto.....	26th "