

or supervision in the future management of the various Institutions in which the Public Health may be more or less deeply affected in this Province.

SIR,—The almost universal complaint of the want of order and discipline which has existed for so many years, and which has been more particularly evinced through the public press, prompts me to submit for your consideration the above proposed permanent Board or commission, by which a more thorough investigation into the Quarantine and Emigrant Departments, the Marine and other Hospitals, the Lunatic Asylums, Penitentiary and Prisons may be more effectually made with views to their improvement; the above proposed plan being that which obtains in most of the States of Europe.

I shall be happy more fully to enter into details, should this suggestion meet the approbation of the Government.

I avail myself of this opportunity of enclosing a letter from Dr. Nelson, to whom the above proposition has been submitted by me, and in which he fully concurs.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM REES.

To the Honorable N. A. Morin,
Provincial Secretary, Quebec.

MONTREAL, 23rd November, 1854.

MY DEAR MORIN,—The bearer, Dr. Rees, an old and much esteemed friend, will have the honor to hand this to you. I can most safely recommend the Dr. to your kind consideration.

He is quite conversant with Hospitals, Asylums, and every other department embraced by his profession. Should the present Government be disposed to take some steps to place our public Sanatory Institutions on a better foundation, and God knows they require much, I know of few men better qualified to make valuable suggestions for the administration of such matters, for the Dr. is eminently practical and much given to study, and has had great experience.

A Sanatory Board is very much required, equally for the benefit of the sick, the stranger, the alienated and the infirm. An establishment of this nature would be an honor to the country, would save it many thousands of pounds annually, and relieve the Administration of a vast amount of trouble and vexation.

I am sure you will pardon the freedom of my remarks, knowing as I do how devoted you are to the best interests of our common country.

Yours very faithfully,

WOLFRED NELSON.

Dr. NELSON to Dr. REES.

MONTREAL, 25th September, 1856.

MY DEAR DOCTOR,—I have much pleasure in acknowledging your favor of the 22nd instant, and most cheerfully comply with your request, that you may have a copy of my communication to the Government on the necessity of establishing a Board of Inspection for the supervision of our *Public, Charitable, Penal and Sanitary* Institutions, provided the Honorable the Provincial Secretary has no objection to it; but please to observe that this must be on the condition that you transmit me a copy of that document, for it so happens that the original is mislaid, and I am desirous of possessing a transcript of it.

I am right glad that you take such a deep interest in this most important matter, the carrying out of which would confer infinite honor on the present Administration, as well as incalculable benefit upon the cause of *humanity*, science, and on the character of the country. Indeed, I know of nothing of greater importance, and am sure that our friends the Ministers would reap great popularity and consideration by drawing the attention of