

next letter is lengthy, filling three foolscap pages and the next nearly as long. In these two letters he does not hesitate to criticise the course of the Government and advise as to their proper course. Not for a full year is the correspondence finished and then it seems the Imperial Government had agreed to pay all the expense incurred. Mr. Simpson must have gone to Montreal for a personal interview as his letter shows.

Niagara, June 7th, 1848.

"Dear Sir:—

Herewith I send receipt for the Board of Works' account, also a power of attorney to draw from the Government the money due to the Board of Health at Niagara. If you receive it in time please send the money by Alex. Christie, if not, send by mail."

He then goes on to give the facts connected with their work. "At the request of the Government (not of their own motion and very much against their own inclination) the Board of Police constituted themselves into a Board of Health. The duties of the Board were both laborious and repulsive, but they were freely and gratuitously performed." He then goes on to refer to the proposed reduced amount and gives full explanations as regards the medical and apothecaries, charges.

I am, my dear sir,

Yours very truly,

John Simpson.

John H. Conolly, Esq.,  
Montreal."

The concluding sentence is very neatly put. Mr. Hawke has disallowed several sums making deductions. Mr. Simpson asks Mr. Conolly to disallow the deductions of Mr. Hawke.

All this seems rather sordid on the part of the Government officials in view of the tragedy which had been enacted for months and the sad, sad circumstances which led to the tragedy. It is another example of the delay and trouble often caused by too close an adherence to the red tape policy which governs so many government offices.

There are in the little minute book the names of over two hundred emigrants, men, women and children, most of them unknown to us. The letters in the town record book are mostly copied by I. H. Johnson, who was the town clerk till 1856. In the lists of expenditure, occur the familiar names of Swinton, Christie, Lockhart, Wagstaff, Painter, Barr, Andrews, Bowen, Barker, Harvey, Clement, Stocking, Blain, Whan and McLean.