

tunities, and particularly if after dispersing themselves through the country so that their evidence cannot be tested, immigrants urge complaints of treatment on their passage, I am constrained to consider them as unlikely to have foundation. Such cases not unfrequently occur, and I may particularly instance the "Windsor Forest," whose passengers forwarded to me, by post, some time after dispersing from Quebec, an elaborate complaint of infringement of the Act on the part of the captain, although I had personally received from them, before they left the ship, a declaration that no one had complaints to offer. The power which your Excellency has now conferred on the superintendent at Grosse Isle, to take cognizance of such charges as require prompt visitation, will afford a security against the escape of offending parties, whether of the passengers or crew. I must, in justice to the masters, state that in the cases of complaint made during the past season, the complainants fully exonerated them from all blame, and urged their complaints chiefly to expose the conduct of their brokers and shipping agents at the port of embarkation.

The amendments to the Provincial Passengers Acts passed during the past session, which come into force on the 1st of January 1859, will afford further protection to the immigrant on his arrival here. They impose a uniform duty of one dollar on each passenger landed at this port, without reference to age. This change in the duty will produce an increase in the aggregate of something more than six per cent.

They also afford the foreign immigrant arriving at this port, a summary mode of procedure against the master for any infringement of his passage contract, or violation, during the passage, of the laws of the country from which he may have sailed. This class of our immigrants have been altogether unprotected hitherto, and have had no recourse, except to the ordinary tribunals of the country, which, from the delays incident to the course of proceeding before them, fail to afford justice to aggrieved parties situated as immigrants always are.

Restrictions are imposed by these amendments upon immigrant agents and runners, and upon boarding-house keepers, with the object of guarding the emigrant stranger from misrepresentations of routes of travel, or impositions in charges for lodgings and maintenance. A proper discrimination in the licensing of runners for the transportation lines will ensure a respectable class of persons in this position.

EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure of the Emigration Department, including a portion of the expenditure of the Quarantine Establishment at Grosse Isle, during the season of 1858, amounts to \$ 32,659 80.

			\$	c.
For the Quarantine Establishment	-	-	9,903	35
For the Emigration Establishment	-	-	22,756	45
			<u>\$ 32,659</u>	<u>80</u>

The several heads of expenditure on account of the Quarantine Establishment were as follows, viz :—

				\$	c.
Pay of officers and staff	-	-	-	8 182	17
Hospital supplies	-	-	-	457	13
Hospital furniture, &c.	-	-	-	182	39
Cartage	-	-	-	276	00
Washing	-	-	-	87	65
Drugs	-	-	-	105	48
Coffins	-	-	-	60	00
Boats for use of station	-	-	-	136	00
Sundries	-	-	-	110	98
Printing and stationery	-	-	-	119	53
Advance to wintering party	-	-	-	380	00
			<u>\$ 10,137</u>	<u>33</u>	

Cr.

Cash received from shipmasters for carriage of their passengers from Grosse Isle to Quebec	-	233	35
		<u>\$ 9,903</u>	<u>98</u>