

OTTAWA, 19th. July, 1890.

Dear Sir William Dawson ;-

letter of the llth. inst., on the subject of Cholera precautions, which I communicated to the Minister of Agriculture on his return to town. He did not, as he couldnot, in fact, say anything more definite in the matter than I have already written to you; but I think you may rely on this, that the vigilance of the Dominion Government at the Quarantines in preventing the entry of cholera by sea, now that its behavour is better known than it was, and the best methods of dealing with it much better known, is such as to prevent its passing the Quarantine line. I may say it certainly will not in the same way as it was introduced into Canada on the occasion of the last visitation.

You may perhaps remember that when Cholera was prevalent a few year ago in countries bordering

of Asiatic cholera were brought to a port in South Wales, but the manner of dealing with these and the methods of disinfection employed prevented the entry of the disease into the United Kingdom. I think our methods are quite as well informed, and that they will prove to be as effective as those to which I have referred, which were employed in South Wales. I think further it is not too much to say that, humanely speaking, had such methods been used at Grosse Isle when the last cases were brought by the "Glen Manna" and the "John Howell", which passed Grosse Isle in mid-June, 1854, Canada might have been saved the destructive visitation which followed.

Believe me, &c.,

Yours truly,

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