

## MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IN LOWER CANADA.

Quebec Hotel Dieu Hospital, 50 beds, was established in 1636 by the Duchess D'Aguillon, and the Cardinal de Richelieu, under the French Government, in 1639. The first nuns came from France, (Sœurs de Chareté.) It is supported principally by funds from landed property, left by the founders and others. An occasional small grant has been given them by the Provincial Legislature. Two physicians attend daily; services gratuitous. Five are attached. Dr. Fargues, Consulting Physician. Drs. Pavant, Morrin, Nault and Sewall. Clinical lectures, with observations, are occasionally given to the pupils. No fees. Quebec Marine Hospital, erected at public expense, is of the Ionic order; its proportions are taken from the temple of the Muses on the Ilissus, near Athens. When completed, will cost upwards of £20,000, will have a centre and two wings: the centre and one wing only is as yet completed. It was opened for the reception of patients in 1834. Admitted that year, as in patients from Aug. 358: in 1836, 1070; in 1837, 958, up to Aug. in 1838, 383. The year is from May to May. The Commissioners are Drs. Morrin and Pavant and H. Gorvan, Esq. The visiting physicians and surgeons are Dr. James Douglas and Dr. Painchaud. Salary £100, (\$400) per annum each. A House Surgeon (at this moment vacant,) \$500, with board, lodgings, &c., and an apothecary, \$100; also board and lodging allowed him: he is generally selected from among the most intelligent of the students, and changed every year or two. Although called Marine Hospital, it is to be a general Hospital when completed. The upper story of the centre is planned for 32 beds, as a lying-in Infirmary. All regularly indented students are allowed to attend the Medical and Surgical practice daily, at \$12 the first year and \$4 the second. All adult emigrants arriving pay 1s 3d, (quarter dollar,) each, towards its support, and all vessels arriving from sea pay at the custom house 1d per ton. Those only, I mean, who remain and load in the port of Quebec; all emigrants and all seamen are admitted without hesitation, and all others not labouring under contagious disease. The establishment is under the surveillance, and the funds expended under the direction of the commissioners.

Quarantine Hospital, Grosse Isle, 30 miles below Quebec, where all vessels from sea are obliged to be visited, and all diseases denominated contagious, are there detained and the vessels cleansed before allowed to proceed to Quebec: a great number of sick were landed and admitted into the hospital, during the season of 1837. Inspecting Physician, Charles Poole, M. D. Pay 30s. per day. G. M. Douglas, M. D., Medical Superintendent. Assistant Medical Superintendent generally filled by a qualified student, 7s. 6d. per day. The establishment opens in the spring and closes in the fall. Salaries commence and close in the same manner. Connected with the Quarantine are two Inspecting physicians, at the port of Quebec, viz: Drs. Morrin and Pavant: one has the general superintendence over the expenses of the estab-

lishment, its wants, &c. the other visits in company with the Harbour Master all vessels arriving in the port of Quebec. Salary at the rate of \$1000 per annum while occupied. The Quebec Gaol has a physician paid out of the public funds. Thomas Fargues, M. D. Physician. Salary \$800.

Insane establishment consists of nearly 16 or 20 cells for the safe keeping of the inmates—the same in Montreal; also one on a smaller scale in Three Rivers. The propriety of having a Provincial Asylum, is now under consideration; also the necessity of a Medical School in Quebec and Montreal. Drs. Painchaud, Morrin, Douglas, Blanchet, Rowley and Jackson, have been solicited to take the Professorships, and it would have gone into operation in 1838, had Lord Durham remained.

Quebec Medical Society, instituted in 1836: its meetings have been for some time suspended, but are soon to be revived.

Quebec Board of Medical Examiners, appointed by the Governor, and authorized by an ordinance, meet quarterly in a room at the Quebec Hotel Dieu Hospital. All persons presenting themselves, with a Diploma, obtained after five years of *uninterrupted* study, obtain a license to practice the branches contained in such Diploma, but none other. If it be a Diploma of M. D., he is entitled to practice all the branches of his profession. Each student before entering the profession, must obtain a certificate from the board that he understands his mother tongue, and latin language. At the expiration of five years study he is entitled to be examined, and, if qualified, obtains a license for general practice, under the Governor's signature, upon certificate from the Board. All persons holding foreign Diplomas, are or are not examined, at the option of the examiners. Surgeons in the army, or navy, practice without undergoing any examination. All Apothecaries, Druggists, &c. must serve three years, and then be examined before they can commence business. Canadians are not excluded from the army or navy, but all appointments to either are made in London at the army or navy medical board. Jos. S. Key M. D., is the Deputy Inspector General of Military Hospitals, in Canada. Every regiment has one surgeon and one or two assistants. Montreal General Hospital Physicians are Drs. Stephenson, Robertson, Holmes and one or two others. No salary. Montreal Hotel Dieu, similar to Quebec—physicians no salaries. Three Rivers has a Hospital on a smaller scale than Quebec, kept also by nuns and supported out of their own funds. Magill Medical School, Montreal, was in operation for some years, but is now suspended, but will be, it is supposed, again soon in operation. The Physicians to the Montreal General Hospital are the Professors. Toronto, Upper Canada has a Hospital and a Medical Board, similar to Lower Canada.

*Montreal General Hospital.* This is an admirably managed charity. Its expenses for the quarter ending April 30th, 1839, were £298, 14s. From a report of the Medical board, there is a return of 153 in-door, and 238 out-door patients in the quarter. The exactness of the system of registering the patients is shown in the following abstract of the quarter referred to. The physicians and surgeons in attendance perform a gratuitous service, and receive their appointment from the governors, in rotation, throughout the city.

IN-DOOR.		OUT-DOOR.	
Belonging to Montreal	106	Belonging to Montreal,	238
Emigrants,	0	Emigrants,	0
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Males,	48	Males,	86
Females,	58	Females,	152
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IN-DOOR.		OUT-DOOR.	
Protestants,	48	Protestants,	82
Roman Catholics,	58	Roman Catholics,	156
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	106		238
Natives of England,	15	Natives of England,	28
“ Ireland,	61	“ Ireland,	120
“ Scotland,	9	“ Scotland,	7
“ Wales,	1	“ Wales,	1
“ Canada,	18	“ Canada,	82
“ Germany,	1		<hr/>
“ United States,	1		238
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DISEASES AND ACCIDENTS.

Abscess,	2	Cornea,	1
Bubo,	1	—— Cornea, (diffused),	
Burn,	2	Cellular tissue,	2
Bronchial Catarrh, (acute),	16	—— of the lungs,	1
Catarrh of the bladder,	1	—— Larynx,	1
Chilblain,	1	—— Pharynx,	1
Chicken Pox,	1	—— Pericardium,	1
Consumption,	2	—— Pleura,	3
Constipation,	1	—— Testis,	1
Delirium Tremens,	3	—— Tonsils,	1
Debility,	1	Leucoma,	1
Diarrhœa,	1	Leprosy,	1
Dropsy of the legs,	1	Paralysis,	2
Erysipelas,	1	Psoriasis plantaris,	1
Fever, common continued,	8	Rheumatism, Acute,	3
—— Typhus,	1	—— Chronic,	1
—— Scarlet,	2	Scabies,	1
—— Puerperal,	2	Schirrus,	2
Fistula in Ano,	1	Staphyloma,	1
Fracture of the Arm,	1	Syphilis Primitiv.	1
—— of the Leg,	1	—— Consecutive,	3
Frostbite,	1	Subluxatio,	3
Gonorrhœa,	2	Ulcers,	15
Hysterics,	3	White Swelling,	1
Hemorrhoids,	1		<hr/>
Inflammation of the Conjunctiva,	1		106

OPERATIONS.

Extirpation of Cancer of Lip,	1
“ of Schirrus tumour,	1
“ of Staphyloma,	1
Fistula in Ano,	1
Division of Cataract,	2
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