

[*Extracts from the Blue Book for the year 1845.*]

BY COMMAND.

SICK AND DISABLED SEAMEN'S FUND.—1845.

REVENUE.

Collections in 1845....	£1,844	7	2½
Balance on hand, 31st December, 1844,	1,731	18	8½
	£3,576	5	11

EXPENDITURE.

Commissions on Collections in 1845,	£45	1	7½
Amount of Expenditure in 1845 in aid of Sick and Disabled Seamen,	1,291	8	9
Balance in the hands of the Provincial Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurers on 31st Dec. 1845,	2,239	15	6½
	<u>£3,576</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>

REMARKS.

This Fund arises from a duty of one penny per ton on all vessels arriving in the Province, and has been found sufficient to meet all legitimate demands. From its proceeds well ordered Marine Hospitals have been erected at Saint John, Saint Andrews and Miramichi, and some others are in contemplation.

EMIGRANT FUND FOR THE YEAR 1845.

REVENUE.

Collections at Saint John, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sterling. £1,123 17 6
Do. Saint Andrews,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93 8 5
Do. Miramichi, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 1 6
Do. Dalhousie, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 4 4
Total Receipts for 1845,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,224 11 9
Balance due to General Revenues of the Province,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,419 9 2
										£3,644 0 11

EXPENDITURE.

						Sterling.
Amount paid for Medical Attendance on Emigrants in 1844,	...	...	...	...	...	£85 10 0
Balance due to General Revenues of the Province on 31st December, 1844,	3,558 10 11
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REMARKS.

By a practice of voting money to be charged on this Fund in anticipation of the Revenue to be derived from it, and which obtained shortly after the passing of the Act (2 W. 4, C. 36), under which the Fund is raised, the general Revenues of the Province became largely in advance, and the appropriation of the Fund to the immediate relief of the Emigrants on their arrival, by assisting them in sickness and in health to reach their destination, was frustrated. In the meantime destitute Emigrants are relieved as heretofore from the Poor Fund.

GOVERNMENT EMIGRANT AGENT.

In addition to the summary of duties contained in the annual Return of this Officer, the following statement of details has been made :—

“The Principal keeps an Office in the Market Square, the most public place in the City of Saint John, easy of access, and readily found by strangers. Attendance is given at this Office throughout the year, and advice and information are afforded gratuitously to Emigrants, to all Settlers on Wilderness Land, or to persons wishing to become so; for whose benefit the Office is furnished with a great number and variety of Maps and places of new settlements, and of the coast and interior of the Colony, chiefly provided at his own expense. His thorough knowledge of the Province, and of every River within its limits, acquired by personal observation enable him to explain the several Maps, and give exact information to all inquirers: and as this species of information can only be obtained in Saint John, at this Office, and can be had without expense, it is scarcely necessary to say that the applications for it are of daily occurrence, and regularly increasing.

"The list of passengers forwarded by the Emigration Agents in Great Britain and Ireland are opened for public inspection as soon as received; and last year these lists were examined by some thousands in search of relations and friends. During the emigration season of 1844 and 1845 the Agent was obliged to employ a clerk to attend exclusively to the exhibition of these lists, and the answering of questions by the uneducated. As there is an increase of business this season, two lads are engaged to attend to this duty.

"On arrival in port, the Agent revisits and personally inspects every vessel with passengers, and obtains the necessary information to make up the ship Returns, comprising in addition to the numbers, ages, occupation, &c.