

From the Saint John Courier, September 4.

EMIGRATION.—The serious infliction upon this community, the present season, of ship loads of diseased paupers from Ireland, many of whom become Parish charges immediately upon landing, and now fill our Alms Houses, Hospitals, &c., while others subsist by street begging, has now become so alarming, that at a meeting of the Common Council, yesterday, His Worship the Mayor submitted some well-timed Resolutions on the subject, which were unanimously adopted by the Board, and, we trust, will have the effect not only of obtaining some temporary assistance from the Home Government, but also of preventing, in future, the wholesale exportation, by unfeeling landlords, in the Mother Country, of ship loads of their pauper and diseased tenantry to die at sea, or become burthens upon the Colonies. The subject, we understand, will also be brought under the notice of the Sessions, next week, and steps taken to ensure the passage of such an Act at the next Session of the Provincial Legislature, as the emergency of the case demands.

We subjoin a copy of the Resolutions passed by the Common Council :—

1. Resolved, That this Board cannot but view with serious apprehension and alarm, the grievous burdens to which the inhabitants of this City and its vicinity have become subject by reason of the large influx of pauper Irish emigrants during the season.
2. Resolved, That in consequence of the debilitated and broken down state in which many of them embarked in the Mother Country, and the disease engendered thereby, during the voyage, hundreds, not only in the passage, but also since their arrival here, have fallen victims to fever of a most infectious and malignant description, while the Alms House Hospitals and other buildings are crowded with thousands in a most debilitated and exhausted state, very many of whom no human skill can possibly save.
3. Resolved, That this Board anticipate a frightful increase of the burdens now existing in the community during the rapidly approaching winter, and they feel that such calls to prevent even the horrors of starvation, must inevitably be made upon the people, as cannot possibly be endured without great privation.
4. Resolved, That this Board are fully sensible of, and greatly appreciate the fostering care and attention paid by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the Provincial Government, and the Legislature, in their combined exertions to meet this great public calamity, and in their responding to the calls of the people of this City and County, by providing such relief as was at their disposal.
5. Resolved, That the heartless system pursued by some of the Irish landlords in shipping entire ship loads of paupers from their respective Estates, for the purpose of relieving themselves from their undoubted and legitimate liability of providing the requisite support, and thereby placing their own burthens on the people of this Province, calls loudly for a remonstrance to the Home Government against a repetition of such unheard of practices, and also for Legislative action to prevent such proceedings in future.
6. Resolved, That Her Majesty's Government have wisely and humanely aided the Government of Canada by a Parliamentary grant to provide for the distress occasioned by the same evils which now so unhappily affect this Colony ; and that this Board can entertain no doubt that the same parental assistance will be afforded to the people of this loyal Province, upon the subject being brought under the notice of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.
7. Resolved, That copies of these Resolutions be forwarded to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,

praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same for the consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

September 11.

The Resolutions relative to the influx of Pauper Emigrants, passed by the Common Council of this City, and published by us last week, have been very generally approved of throughout the Province : and, we have reason to expect, will be the means of doing much good. We now give publicity to the letter of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the Resolutions, with the order of the Common Council for its publication.

At a Common Council holden at the Mayor's Office, in the City of Saint John, on Thursday the ninth day of September, A. D. 1847 :

Read a communication from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to this Board, dated the 7th instant, in reference to the Resolutions passed at the last Meeting of the Common Council, with regard to the Emigrants from Ireland, arrived at St. John during the present season : and thereupon

Resolved, That the same be respectfully received, and that it be entered in the Minutes and published.

Extract from the Minutes.

JAMES WILLIAM BOYD,
Common Clerk, &c.

St. John, 7th September, 1847.

GENTLEMEN,—I have had the honor to receive a copy of the Resolutions passed by you on the 3d inst., in which you have urgently represented the situation in which the community has been placed by the arrival in the present season of an unusual number of indigent emigrants from Ireland, a large proportion of which are suffering from diseases of an infectious character, occasioning an undue pressure on the public resources for their relief, as well as in the precautions necessary to guard against the spread of the infection, and the eventual exposure of so many destitute persons to the severity of the approaching winter.

Having visited the city from time to time during the summer, mainly for the purpose of co-operating with you in alleviating the sufferings of the emigrants, and in providing for the safety of the community, I can fully appreciate the justness of your apprehensions ; and knowing as I do the inadequacy of the resources at your disposal, while applauding the humane spirit by which you have been actuated, I am anxious to assure you of the disposition of the Government to aid you in providing for the mitigation of disease and for preventing its extension.

We must all feel that in the dispensations of Providence a severe calamity has fallen upon a large portion of our fellow subjects in the United Kingdom, where all classes have felt themselves called on to unite their efforts to rescue the sufferers and to alleviate their condition, and while lamenting the irregularities which have taken place,—a recurrence of which it will be indispensable to provide against,—it has been very gratifying to me to observe in your community that it has not checked the exertions which have been so benevolently made to meet the exigency thus occasioned.

The funds so considerably placed by the Legislature at the disposal of the Government have been dispensed where they have been most urgently required, and I hope that in relieving the sufferers it will be found practicable to make effectual provision for the protection of the community from the spread of disease.

It is indeed a subject of the most serious apprehension that so large a number of helpless beings should have been cast upon your shores, whose preservation