

We are now in a position to judge of the statistics recorded under sections A & B. The following table exhibits these in comparison with the totals from the cemeteries. It appears that during the eleven years *no fewer than 2,134 deaths have escaped registration by the clergy*; being never less than 76 in a year; on the average 194; and, in the deadly year, actually 395. The average equals 6 per cent of the total deaths; or 22 unrecorded deaths to every 10,000 living.

In the case of the census returns, the deficiency is still more startling; *no fewer than 36 per cent of the total deaths* having escaped recording.

8. *Comparison of 3 returns of Deaths in Montreal, 1855-1865.*

Year.	Cemetery Returns.	Clergy Returns	Not entered in Clergy returns.	Census Return	Not entered in Census Return
1855	2,416	2,231	185		
1856	2,360	2,284	76		
1857	2,490	2,367	123		
1858	2,510	2,299	211		
1859	2,766	2,581	185		
1860	3,171	3,016	155		
1861	3,181	3,005	176	2,038	1,143
1862	3,461	3,222	239		
1863	3,606	3,510	96		
1864	4,701	4,306	395		
1865	4,025	3,732	293		
Total. . . .	34,687	32,553	2,134		

MORTALITY OF 1861.—Cemetery.....35.2 per 1000 living.
 Protonotary.....33.2 “
 Census.....22.5 “
 Not registered by the clergy... 2.0 “
 Not recorded in census.....12.7 “

These facts are surely sufficient to convince the most sceptical of the importance of a compulsory civil registration of births and deaths. In addition to the usual details, it is very necessary to provide that no death be registered without the production of a medical certificate, declaring the remote as well as the proximate cause of death. There should be heavy penalties for any interment without previous registration.

The next step in our analysis leads to very important results: it is, to distribute the total deaths for each year under the *months* in which they occur. This is done in table 9 for all ages; in table 10, for children under 12; and in table 11, for children above 12 and adults. The numbers which include five weeks instead of four are distinguished by large-faced figures. The totals for each year are added at the bottom; *for the same month in the twelve years*, in the last column.