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ANTI-VACCINATIONISTS.

If Montreal is not blessed with a large number of anti-vaccinationists, it is certainly bothered with a few, who are tenaciously persistent in their efforts to establish their pernicious views among their fellow-countrymen. In season, and out of season, they seize hold of every straw, which can possibly be made to turn their way, and build upon it a tale of horror sufficient to strike terror and dismay into the hearts of the simple and uneducated. No sooner is their superstructure dashed to pieces, than they rise begrimed and covered with the dust of their own folly, and again seek a mare's nest, perchance a mare's egg, and, from their heated illogical brains, once more lay before the public tortured, unscientific deductions. We wish, indeed, that such persistency was in a better case. We wish that in every French Canadian family in Montreal, there could appear a ghost from the hosts of children whose lives have been sacrificed to this fatal doctrine, and with the finger of scorn, point to those who are doing so much to add to the already fearful slaughter which has for two years past been raging in the Eastern section of our city. To-day is not the time to argue the value of vaccination—that has been determined, beyond the peradventure of a doubt, years ago; and although the trio of medical men in Montreal who seem to have joined hands, (a recent convert being received within their ranks with a perfect ovation) may do a great deal of mischief among a class of the population who are by nature easily led, they are looked upon by their fellow-practitioners, of every origin, as simply making themselves supremely ridiculous. Drs. Coderre, Gauthier and Roy, we mention their names that the Profession of our Dominion may know the brilliant geniuses, who to day fancy their puny efforts

will do ought to change the feeling of the profession as to the value of vaccination. That they may do much mischief among the public we unfortunately know too well; but influences professional opinion, no, never!

We have been induced to make these few remarks from the fact that within a month past there appeared in a daily newspaper published in Montreal, called *La Minerve*, several letters containing statements with regard to a vaccination which had recently been performed by Dr. Roy. The circumstances were detailed with much minuteness and in brief were as follows: Dr. Roy obtained some lymph from the Corporation heifer, through one of the city Health officers Dr. Larocque, and on the 25th of June, with it vaccinated a child thirteen months old: On the 27th the child was feverish and had diarrhoea, on the 9th July there was enlargement of the inguinal glands, (and Dr. Roy, strange to say, mistook it for Hernia). When the pustule was showing signs of commencing to dry a *bandage* was applied over the vessicle, and on removing it some days after *he was surprised* at the scab sticking to it, and a large and nasty scooped wound left behind. The sore however rapidly cicatrised. This case then founded a chapter of horrors; and Dr. Roy rushed into Dr. Codeere's arms and was at once embraced as a sort of prodigal returning. The Health Department at once determined to frustrate the effect this publication might possibly have on the public, and accordingly invited a number of the Medical men of the City to meet and examine the child who was said to have received such fearful injury from the introduction of the vaccine poison into its system. We were asked to be present, but were unfortunately unable to be there. On the 2nd of August, the following met to examine the child,—viz.: Drs. Howard, Rottot, Craik, Trenholme, Larocque, Dugdale, Ricard, Mount, Desrosiers and Lussier; also the Anti-Vaccination trio; Drs. Coderre, Gauthier and Roy: Having examined the child and enquired into the facts of the case, the following Resolution was moved by Dr. Howard, seconded by Dr. Mount, viz.: Resolved, "That, having carefully examined the child of Widow LeBlanc, said to have been seriously affected by the effects of vaccination, this assembly is of opinion, that there has been no proof of such being the case."