

*The Mayoralty.*—It gives us great pleasure to notice the election of a member of our profession to the mayoralty of Montreal. Just at this juncture, when we are threatened by an invasion of cholera, the presence of Dr. Wolfred Nelson at the head of civic affairs, is a circumstance of some moment to the community. In his inaugural address he speaks of the probable visit of this scourge, and adverts to the measures, of a sanitary nature, to be adopted for the purpose of diminishing its virulence and preventing its rapid spread. His views of the steps to be taken accord exactly with those which we gave expression to in our article on cholera, published in our February number, and which, we are certain, will commend themselves to the judgment of every medical man who has bestowed a thought on the subject. Dr. Nelson, unfortunately, can speak only for Montreal. What he intends to do here, we would have the Provincial Legislature do for the whole province.

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*Statistics of Disease.*—The importance of statistics to medical science is so self-evident as to require no demonstration. We have long wished to be put in possession of such as have reference to the prevalence and peculiarities of disease in Canada; and we are glad to have the opportunity of publishing in this number some of great interest, furnished us by a distinguished medical officer, and increased in value by the addition of copious remarks eminently practical in character. Military surgeons have better opportunities than civilians for collecting the necessary data, and we would feel obliged to any who would follow the laudable example of their able and talented chief.

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Dr. Bouthillier, of St. Hyacinthe, has been appointed Inspector of the Agencies of the Woods and Forests of the Crown in Lower Canada, with a salary of £400 per annum.

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*Chemicals.*—Our enterprising friends, Messrs. S. J. Lyman & Co., have lately imported some new and valuable chemicals, samples of which they have sent to us, and to which we would draw the attention of our readers. They are nearly all preparations from the celebrated house of T. Morson & Son, which of itself is a sufficient warranty of their purity. 1. QUEVENNE'S IRON.—This preparation is the *Fer Reduit* of MM. Quevenne and Miquelard, and the *Pulvis Ferri* of the Dublin Pharmacopœia. It is metallic iron in a state of minute division, and is prepared by the reduction of the peroxide of iron, by means of hydrogen gas and heat. Iron, in this condition, is readily acted on by the acids