

month past, has the weekly bills of mortality raged so low, we might say remarkably low, and we think the result of our labours to prevent or arrest cholera, should it appear, has taught us a most valuable lesson, which we trust our citizens will never forget. If by such simple means as have been made use of—we can bring about such grand results—how grave a responsibility would rest upon us—if in the future, we should neglect to employ them. Montreal has ever been remarkable for its very high mortality, and one of the reasons—what others there may be we do not enter upon now—we at all events have ascertained to be the filthy yards, foul emanations arising from putrefying animal and vegetable matter so long usually allowed to remain, and which this season have been compelled to be constantly removed. This should be ever remembered—should be earnestly impressed upon all who have the good of our city at heart; and we feel that much credit is due to the Sanitary association in placing before the people facts, which show them how simply yet effectively preventible diseases may be kept from their doors. We anticipate much permanent good will result from their labours, and whether cholera come this season or not, (for it is yet too early to say whether we will yet altogether escape it, although appearances seem to indicate we will,) we have certainly realized great benefits from its anticipated appearance. In closing we would simply add, events have taught us there is ample work for a Sanitary association in Montreal, and we hope that the association will become a permanent one—the fruits of whose labours will become yearly more visible.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

Since we last issued the Journal, our country has been roused from Sarnia to Gaspé, by the infamous invasion of the Fenian brotherhood, and never before has Canada been so united, or so nobly responded to the call for volunteers. We hope perhaps ere a great while, to be able to publish something regarding the medical history of the brief—but hard campaign—in the meantime we invite attention to the communication of Dr. Caniff, on some of the wounded at the battle of Ridgeway. Among the Montreal volunteers sent to the frontier, considering they were under canvas all the time, and that the weather was remarkable rainy—that there were many badly clothed and shod, ill-supplied at first with overcoats and blankets—that they performed hard and long marches over most abominable roads, that they were hard worked on guard and picket duty—they were most remarkably free from serious disease. Among the Field Battery, Cavalry, Prince of Wales, Victorias, and Royals, very few cases presented themselves for admission into hospital. The majority that