

That is, three out of every seven children born in Montreal, die before they are one year old!! Or, out of every 7 children under five years of age, living at the beginning of the year, one (on the average) will die before its close. Or, out of every 13 children, of all ages under 12, living in the city, on the average one will die during the year. It appears from the census returns, that even of the children living on the Island outside the city limits, or in any country district from Soulanges to Gaspé, out of every group of 27 one must expect to lose his life within the year; but if those children had been taken to live in Montreal in 1864, *two* out of 19 would have been seized by the destroyer; even if they had lived amongst us last year, when children had a better chance of life than ever before, death would have seized one in every fifteen. Should these children spend July with their friends in the city, for twelve consecutive years, they must expect to follow to the cemetery twice that number of their companions.

Lastly let us compare the slaughter of the innocents in Montreal with their condition in different parts of England. Table 20 compares the deaths of children of different ages with the *total deaths at all ages* during the same year.

20. *Death-rate of Children living in Montreal and in England, compared with every 1000 deaths at all ages.*

	Deaths under 1 year.	Deaths under 5 years.	Deaths under 12 years.
North Lancashire.....	174.3	318.7	377.3
All England.....	214.5	391.0	447.4
London.....	190.3	404.2	453.4
Liverpool.....	256.9	482.6	528.6
Montreal.....	501.1	670.3	703.2
Excess of Montreal over Liverpool.....	244.2	187.7	174.6
Do do North Lancashire.....	326.8	351.6	325.9

The London death-rate of children is below the average, because of the large immigration of adults. There is perhaps a proportionate immigration into Montreal, for similar reasons. Liverpool is a commercial city, like our own with great natural advantages, but cursed with a neglect of the sanitary laws. It is cursed also by drink and by debauchery, to a greater extent than any other town in England. Being the most criminal as well as the most unhealthy city in the island, it is called the *Plague-spot on the Mersey*. Yet the plague-spot on the St. Lawrence is *nearly twice as fatal*, in the first year of being, as the polluted queen of