MORTALITY OF MONTREAL.

Statement of Deaths in the City during October, 1877.

Health Department, Nov. 9, 1877.

TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS, 275.

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SEX.		WARD.	
Males	139 275 57 44 5 12 157 275	St. Ann's St. Antoine St. Lawrence St. Louis St. James St. Mary West Centre East Not Known Civic Hospital Hotel Dieu Montreal General Hospital Other Institutions. Total	424 45 223 47 66 0 0 4 6 6 3 275
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Ages.	French Cana- dians.	English speaking Catholics	Protestant.	Total.
Under one year	53 54 5 5 3 4 15 8 4 9 2	6 12 7 2 3 6 5 3 1 2 5	14 6 . 5 . 2 . 3 . 4 . 5 . 3 . 6 . 4 .	73 72 17 7 10 25 18 10 16 8
" 80 to 90 " " 90 to 100 " Not known	4 1 1 	 	1 	2 2
Total	163	53	59	275

CAUSES OF DEATH.

CLASS I ZYMOTIC DISEASES.	CLASS III.—LOCAL.
Small-Pox 12 Measles 1 Scarlatina 1 Diphtheria 25 Croup 16 Whooping Cough 17 Typhoid Fever 13 Dysentery, Diarrhœa, 15 Chol. Infantum 15 Cere. Spin. Meningitis 15 Other Zymotic Diseases 11	Cephalitis 4 Apoplexy 2 Paralysis 4 Convulsions 5 Other Diseases of Nervous System 10 Heart Disease 10 Other Diseases of Circulatory Organs 1 Bronchitis 4 Pneumonia 2
Total 94	Other Lung Diseases 6 Diseases of Digestive
CLASS II CONSTITUTIONAL.	Organs 16
Phthisis	Nephritis
Total 48	Diseases of Generative Organs

Class III.—Continued. Diseases of Organs of	CLASS V DEATHS BY VIOLENCE.
Locomotion	1
Total 65	Total 13
CLASS IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL.	STILL-BORN.
Infantile Debility 32 Premature Birth 7	French Canadians 1 English-speaking Catho-
Dentition	lics
Parturition 4	Total 4
Chronic Debility 4	Males
Total 55	Total 4

The mortality for the month of October was 275 (exclusive of 4 still-births), being 57 deaths less than last month, and 75, 43 and 75 less than the corresponding months of 1876, 1875 and 1874 respectively. This figure represents an annual death-rate of 24·44 per 1,000 of the population of the city, the latter being estimated at 135,000, and is 5·11 per 1,000 less than that of last month, and 7·37 less than that of October, 1876. The number of still-births was 9 less than in September last. There were 112 deaths among the French Canadians under 10 years and 51 above. Among the English-speaking Catholics there were 25 deaths under 10 years and 28 above, and among the Protestants there were 25 deaths under 10 years and 34 above.

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There were 25 deaths by dipltheria, 2 more than last month, and 16 more than October, 1876. Nine were among the French Canadians, one of whom was under 1 year, 7 from 1 to 5 years, and one from 5 to 10 years. Ten were among the English-speaking Catholics, six of whom were under 5 years, and one from 5 to 10 years, two from 10 to 15, and one from 15 to 20. Six were among Protestants—two of whom were from 1 to 5 years, two from 5 to 10 years and two from 10 to 15 years. There were only three deaths from diphtheria in October, 1875, and but two in October, 1874. According to wards, the deaths were divided as follows:—St. Ann's ward, 8; St. Antoine, 4; St. Mary, 6; St. Louis, 2; St. James, 2; St. Lawrence, 1, and 2 in the Montreal General Hospital.

Twelve deaths occurred from small-pox—three less than last month. They were distributed throughout the wards as follows: St. Ann's, 2; St. Antoine, 4; St. James, 3; St. Mary, 2, and in the Hotel Dieu, 1. Eight were not vaccinated, 1 reported as vaccinated, and 3 vaccination doubtful. In October, 1876, there were 100 deaths from this disease, 58 in October, 1875, and 74 in the same month of 1874. There were 9 Freuch Canadians, of whom two were under 1 year, six from 1 to 5 years, and one from 30 to 40 years, and 3 Protestants, 1 of whom was under 1 year, 1 from 15 to 20, and one from 20 to 30 years.

Four public vaccinators have been appointed to perform house-to-house vaccination. They have received instructions to make a weekly report to the Board of Health. Registers will be kept in which the name and age of those vaccinated will be entered, the names of parents who refuse to have their children vaccinated, and the name and residence of those who wish to be vaccinated by their family physician, to whom a card will be sent, giving the address of the parties desiring their services.

We announce with rleasure that the Board of Health can now furnish excellent vaccine, and will always have a sufficient quantity on hand for the wants of the city.

We again pray the members of the medical profession to report according to the forms that have been furnished them the cases of small-pox which they may have under their care. The object of this is to enable the Board to send a vaccinator to offer vaccination to those who may be directly exposed to the contagion as soon as the reports are received, and for the same reason we pray the clergy and citizens in general to report all the cases of small-pox that they may have a knowledge of to the Board of Health.

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