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AN APOLOGY.

We owe an apology to our readers for the delay in the issuing of the June number. During the greater part of the month, both editors were on the frontier, in medical charge of volunteers, and this is our excuse. We trust to have the July number ready very shortly, and will use our best efforts to have the future numbers out in good season. May we again solicit the aid of our subscribers for original communications? We must say we find a sad want of energy among the practitioners of this Province, in giving the result of their observations.

THE HEALTH OF THE CITY.

"It is an ill wind that blows nobody good," is an old saying, and we think it has been proved a true one, in relation to the anticipated visit of cholera. From all appearances, and judging from the past, we had good reason to apprehend the appearance of this terrible disease in our midst this season, and we in this Journal, more than once raised our voice against the criminality of neglecting to take all the precautions which sanitary science has taught us, were likely to mitigate or prevent the appearance of the scourge. It was hard to rouse our people to a realizing sense of the duty they owed, not only to themselves and their families—but also to their fellow-citizens; but once fairly roused into action, Montrealers are proverbial for the earnestness and enthusiasm which they throw into all their works. It was late in April before our citizens were aroused to the danger which seemed to be overhanging them—in the threatened appearance of cholera; but then two health officers were appointed, and a sanitary association formed, and the result of their combined labour, is that on the 1st of July, we find our city in a state of cleanliness, such as we believe it has never before in its history been. Of course we do not for a moment mean to assert that this cleanliness has prevented the appearance of the disease—but we do assert, that had we been visited by cholera, the condition in which the city is now in, would have exerted a very modifying influence over its spread and fatality, as it has been exerted, even over the ordinary mortality of the season. Seldom, if ever, after such intensely hot weather as we have had for