

Quebec in 1812, where he has since resided. He was educated at the Royal Grammar School there, and completed his medical education in London and Paris. He had been a medical examiner for more than thirty years, and ranked high as a medical jurist and consulting physician. Before the incorporation of the Quebec Medical School and Laval University, he for many years delivered, with great success, courses of lectures on Anatomy and Physiology, Surgery, Materia Medica and Botany. Dr. Marsden largely contributed to the medical press of the Dominion. From 1827 up to recently his pen has been devoted to science and literature, poetry and prose. In medicine and surgery he has written much for the London *Lancet* and for our Canadian Medical Journals. From 1851 to 1854 Dr. Marsden took a large share in the editorial management of the Quebec *Mercury*, writing on the question of public health and quarantine. He published a complete history of Asiatic Cholera, its etiology and pathology commencing with its outbreak in India in 1817. He was an ex-president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec, of which he was senior Governor. He was also an Honorary Fellow of the Medical Botanical Society of London, a Corresponding Fellow of the Medical Society of London, an Honorary Fellow of the Lyceum of Natural History, and of various other learned bodies and societies, and had the degree of M. A. conferred upon him by Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

He had been President of the Quebec Medical Society and also of the Canadian Medical Association, of which he was one of the principal founders. He was assessor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Laval University.

There are few citizens of Quebec who will be more missed than the deceased, as he took a very active interest in all that concerned her welfare for about half a century. Whether in civic affairs, in the affairs of the Church of England, of which he was a devoted member, of our charitable institutions, or those connected with his profession, he was always prominent and zealous. At the time of his death, Dr. Marsden was chairman of the Commission of the Marine Hospital, and he was lately indefatigable in his efforts to prevent the small-pox scourge from visiting that city as he was formerly in his doing his best to quarantine cholera. The life just ended was mainly spent in the prevention and alleviation of the ills of his

fellow-creatures. Ripe in years he descends to the grave, esteemed and regretted by all who enjoyed his acquaintance, leaving the beloved partner of his life for more than fifty years to mourn her irreparable loss; and to her we extend our most heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

St. Cunegonde still retains the unenviable notoriety that attaches itself to a community careless of small-pox. It remains to be seen whether the Central Board of Health and the Civic Board possess between them sufficient backbone to insist upon proper sanitary measures being carried out. In the meantime it appears strange that such a large force of isolation police should be sent out to assist in barricading the municipality when they were totally unarmed either with the material or legal requirements of offence or defence.

A company of volunteers with loaded rifles are worth ten times their number of special policemen. The average French rough knows from previous experience that it is his special privilege to shower stones, bottles and other description of brickbat upon the policeman's defenceless head, and he is aware, too, that he is pretty sure to escape the punishment that ought to follow such cowardly conduct. If the better portion of this island were not specially interested in rooting out variola from St. Cunegonde the inhabitants of that favored section might have the disease to their heart's content, but, unfortunately, the "sheep" mingle with the "goats," and unwilling victims are the result. In the city proper there is now very little small-pox; it has burned itself and has been vaccinated out of existence.

Apropos of this, an "Anti-Vaccination League" has been started in this city for the purpose of enlightening the public on the dangers of that serious and startling operation. Doubtless if a "Pro-Small-pox Society" were begun it also would receive a certain amount of support. In connection therewith a paper advocating the value of small-pox, and called, "The Weekly Variola," might find favor among the members. Evidence might be found to show that small-pox "clears the blood" of various "humors," and is not that odious affection which some persons imagine it to be. Statistics could be brought forward to show that the healthiest countries are those in which small-pox has raged; the names of eminent scientific and literary men and