

tion from France has ceased. The French population did not then, according to *Garneau*, exceed 60,000. The number of inhabitants of French origin at the present time amounts to about 880,000. In addition to these present inhabitants of Canada, a large emigration, numbering several thousands of the French Canadians, has taken place to the United States.

Now, if the climate of Canada were inimical to Europeans, if, as has been asserted they will, under its influence, degenerate and decrease, and ultimately die out, when no longer sustained by immigration, it would naturally result that within the period of a century some indication of such degeneration would present itself. But, instead of such a calamity, the French of Canada have steadily increased in number; they do not exhibit in any respect marks of deterioration. Are the French at home brave, eloquent and wise, so are their kindred in Canada. Are the inhabitants of France long lived, the assertion is ventured, that those of French Canada are equally so. Upon this point Dr. Larue, Professor at Laval University, in reply to a question submitted by the writer through a gentleman connected with the Government at Ottawa, gives his opinion "that there are no medical statistics of a reliable nature by which the longevity of French Canadians can be established. If such did exist he is convinced by his own observation and the opinions of his colleagues that the most surprising figures could be produced in favor of the great average longevity of the Franco-Canadian race.

Dr. La Rue further states, that he has every reason to believe that consumption is of rare occurrence among the French race.

#### THE ANGLO SAXON.

Western Canada was first settled in 1784 by a band of Loyalists from the recently established United States. These refugees, who would not rebel against their King, numbered about 10,000, and were mainly descendants of the first colonizers of New England and the Dutch of New Holland, now New York.

These first settlers of Upper Canada have to a marked extent remained a distinct people. Although emigrants have continually entered the Province, intermarriage between these and the former has, until very recently, been quite the exception.

From extensive personal knowledge\*, derived from observation and collected facts, the writer is prepared to say, that among the descendants

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\*During the last few years the writer has been collecting facts relative to the first settlement of the Bay of Quinté, one of the oldest sections of Upper Canada, and he is able to speak very decidedly respecting the great age to which many attain.