

very high mortality, especially among children, is a subject which would engage his attention, and when it is known that a large portion of the mortality of the city is from preventible diseases, the absurdity of appointing a Health Officer, but temporarily, must be seen.

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We are informed on the very best authority that there are a large number of cases of small-pox among the Indians at Caughnawaga, and that the practice of inoculation is carried on almost universally by their medicine women—vaccination not being understood, and their prejudices being strongly against its employment. From the proximity of Montreal to the Village of Caughnawaga, and the daily intercourse which occurs between the two places, the presence of the disease to a considerable extent is an important fact; but when we consider that inoculation is performed, the fact becomes so important as to demand the prompt interference of the authorities, to put down a practice which the law prohibits, and against which there is a heavy fine.

We have also heard of other portions of the country where inoculation is performed in preference to vaccination. As this direct violation of a most important statute propagates instead of preventing the disease, we trust that the profession, in places where it is practised, will, in the interest of the public, see that those concerned do not go unpunished. In the meantime we call upon the Government to take prompt action concerning the practice at Caughnawaga.

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Dr. Anderson of Quebec has forwarded to us, with a request to publish in the Journal, a very lengthy correspondence which has taken place between himself and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, on the one hand, and himself and the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, on the other. While we admit there is considerable of interest in the correspondence, we do not feel there is sufficient to warrant our occupying sixteen pages of our space with it, when its substance may be more briefly stated. The correspondence is opened on the 24th of August, 1865, by Dr. Anderson writing to Dr. Chamberlain, President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, drawing his attention to a portion of a report of the late triennial meeting of the College, which appeared in our Journal, stating that a letter had been read from Dr. Sewell of Quebec, complaining that the College had granted a license, without examination, to Dr. Anderson upon his presenting the diploma of the College of Surgeons, Edinburgh—which it has not a right to do—being contrary to the usual practice, and in direct violation of a