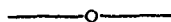cities, East, West, North and South of us; and the soil gives forth
no miasmata in our neighborhood, as it does in the vicinity of
many other places where the death-rate does not equal ours. The
water which we drink rivals that of any other city in the world
in purity and translucency; and yet we die, and die in larger
numbers than a mere casual observer would be disposed to believe.

"The causes of this large mortality are various. Some of them
may be common to many cities; but others are peculiarly our
own. We may share with other towns in the evils that seem
inseparable from large numbers of persons being congregated
together within a given area, but we, in Montreal, exhibit a pre-
eminence in large mortuary statistics which other cities, even in
their jealousy, will not dispute with us. If men and women die
elsewhere, with us they are killed. The wholesale slaughter of
the innocents— to give it no milder term—is truly appalling. By
one disease or another, preventable or unpreventable, six thousand
seven hundred and sixty-three persons now die in the city and
surrounding municipalities annually; so that whatever advances
are being made in material prosperity (and they are sufficient to
satisfy the desires of worthy ambition), those advances are
harassed and disturbed, *pari passu*, by the death-rate."

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MORTUARY STATISTICS OF TORONTO.

In the *Sanitary Journal* for January, the mortality for the
City of Toronto in 1875 is recorded. It amounts to a total of
1,815. This, estimating the population at 70,000, gives a per-
centage of nearly 26 per 1,000. Of this number 630 were of
children under one year; 370 are from diseases of the lungs;
diarrhœa, 160; typhoid fever, 42; scarlatina, 23; measles, 17;
diphtheria, 10; erysiplas, 9; small-pox, 10; diseases of the brain,
78; old age, 97. The classification is, as the editor says, not as
complete as it might; but this is a very difficult subject to handle
properly, and every year improvement can be made in any table,
however apparently perfect. But that is not what we have to