

OFFICE OF REGISTRATION AND STATISTICS.

Punch has received a circular, directed to Montreal, from Walter C. Crofton, Esquire, Secretary to the Board of Registration and Statistics, which he referred to his Montreal correspondent, and hastens to reply to the questions propounded. To those numbered 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Punch declines answering.

QUESTIONS.

1. What diseases are most prevalent in your city, town, or district? And which are your most sickly seasons?

2. What are the endemic diseases of your district?

3. Is tubercular consumption common?

4. Is tubular consumption as common amongst the native as the immigrant population? Or, have you marked any difference?

5. Have you found ague and pulmonary consumption equally prevalent in your district? Or, have you, from your own observation, remarked the "antagonism" between those affections which recent medical writers have endeavoured to establish?

N.B. It has recently been asserted, that in districts where ague prevails, plithis pulmonalis is rarely observed, and *vice versa*.

6. What is the type of the fevers of your district?

7. To what class of persons do you consider the climate of your district unfavourable?

13. Have you been enabled to observe whether the clearing the lands has any and what effect on the climate?

ANSWERS.

1. Diseases of the *chest* are most prevalent, and Punch cannot say that one season has been more exempt than another. Calculous disorders have prevailed epidemically, especially in the spring of 1849. The disease was not fatal, and some persons were attacked twice or even three times. Removal to the country completely cured the epidemic.

2. The endemic diseases are few, being chiefly confined to the species mentioned.

3. Tubercular consumption is very common; some varieties of the tubercle are more frequently seen than others. Potatoes have been attacked by rot: tubercles have been scarce during the last few years, but they are getting again very common, and the consumption of them proportionately great.

4. The consumption of tubercles is far as great amongst the native as the immigrant population. If there is a difference, it is probably in favor of the latter, as most of them came from Ireland, where the consumption is said to be enormous.

5. Punch has noticed a decided antagonism between the two. When there is much *tightness of the chest*, ague, or the shakes, have been found concomitant, making to each other in the relation of cause and effect; and under those circumstances there has been less consumption.

6. The type of fever is purely *acute*. The annexation fever is becoming typhoid, requiring stimulus. In some cases the fever has been attended with inflammation of some deep seated organ, requiring abstraction of blood. This has never failed to give relief, and is a potent remedy. In 1837-38, close confinement, not very low diet, cured many, and the same treatment may in many cases prove effectual now.

7. The climate is decidedly unfavorable to all evil-speakers, liars and slanderers, to those addicted to knavery, and would sacrifice their country's good, Judas like, for filthy lucre. All such have found a climate more congenial to their constitutions by travelling westward.

13. The lands have been cleared in the most emphatic manner since the memorable hegira. Since that period, the clouds which lowered on us have been dissipated and the atmosphere has become clearer and more genial.

14. What is the nature of your soil, alluvial or otherwise?

15. Water, hard or soft, and its general analysis?

16. Do you know of any mineral waters in your neighbourhood?

17. Have you observed yourself, or have you been informed that, of late years, any gradual decrease has taken place in the waters of the smaller creeks and rivers?

18. Are calculous diseases prevalent in your neighbourhood or district, as far as your own personal observation is concerned, and if not to what do you attribute the exemption?

19. Is insanity common in your district?

14. The soil is rocky. For fuller information on this point, Punch refers to the Hermit of the Mountain, who studied geology periodically on the royal mount.

15. The water at Monklands was reputed to be hard, *very hard*; a careful analysis, duly performed at McGill's College, disclosed no admixture with any more precious beverage.

16. None nearer than Beverley's

17. There was here a decided decrease, when this city was a vice regal residence.

18. Calculous disorders exceedingly prevalent.

19. Insanity common. It chiefly affects the Annexationists.

MOTHER CANADA,

TO HER DEAR BOY MALCOLM.

"Oh! where hae ye been a' the day?
My boy Malcolm;

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My boy Malcolm."

"I hae been o'er the lake a wee;
I, President Taylor, went to see,
Who blith'ly shook hands wi' me,
And made me vera welcome."

"And what was it took ye away?
My boy Malcolm;
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My boy Malcolm."

"With him I wished to get free trade;
'T would suit us both so well, I said,
Each country prosp'rous would be made,
To all it would be welcome."

"O, tell me what more did ye say?
My boy Malcolm;
O, tell me what more did ye say?
My boy Malcolm."

"And Canada, I said, would try
To do as she would be done by,
And freely sell, could she freely buy—
More trade and better welcome."

"How did he seem to like the plan?
My boy Malcolm;
How did he seem to like the plan?
My boy Malcolm."

"He thought I came for annexation,
He little wish'd reciprocation,
And humm'd and haw'd in hesitation—
I saw it was na welcome."

"What answer did he make to ye?
My boy Malcolm;
What answer did he make to ye?
My boy Malcolm."

"He said he wad na' gie a d—n
For all your trade wi' Uncle Sam;
And told me could I start for home—
I should be vera welcome."