

LOWER CANADA PERSONAL CENSUS. RETURN OF LUNATIC ASYLUM, QUEBEC, 1851-2.

	Nature of malady.	Sex.		Age.	Married.	Single.	Number of children.	Former residence.	Supposed cause of Insanity.
		M.	F.						
115			1	26		1		Montreal	
116			1	48	1			Do	
117		1		36		1		Do	
118			1	39		1		Do	
119		1		46	1			Quebec	
120		1		35		1		Do	
121			1	45		1		Do	
122			1	40		1		Montreal	
123			1	36	1			Do	
124		1		25		1		Do	
125		1		38		1		Do	
126			1	49	1			Do	
127		1		34		1		Do	
128			1	29		1		Do	
128		1		41		1		Napierville	
130		1		60		1		Lorette	
131			1	36	1			Quebec	
132		1		12		1		St. Bartheleme	
133		1		43	1			Quebec	
134		1		45	1			Valcartier	
135		1		42	1			Quebec	
136		1		32	1			Montreal	
137		1		47	1			Do	
138		1		36		1		Three Rivers	
139			1	52	1			Montreal	
140			1	20		1		Do	
141		1		32	1			Do	
142			1	43		1		Do	
143		1		40	1			Quebec	
144			1	24		1		Do	
145			1	28		1		Montreal	
146		1		30	1			Do	
147			1	60	1			Lorette	
149		1		26		1		Quebec	
199			1	36	1			Montreal	
150		1		48		1		Quebec	
151			1	28		1		Do	
152			1	38		1		Do	
153			1	21		1		Montreal	
		80	73		54	99			

NOTE.—We can say nothing reliable of the “*cause of Insanity*” in the individual cases. Instead of a History or Record of each case, there was sometimes no clue even to the name or religion of the patient. Where there exists a tendency, hereditary or otherwise, to disease or disturbance of the functions of the brain, the first exciting cause, whether love, grief, loss or gain of property, religion, intemperance, &c., merely gives a direction or complexion to the form of Insanity.

The “*Nature of Malady*” is extremely various even in the same individual at different times. Of the 153 now under care, 12 are epileptic and dangerous only after an attack, 17 are simply epileptic, and unable to take care of themselves; 22 are unsafe, dangerous, and require constant watching; 47 are depraved and filthy in their Habits; 15 are idiotic from birth, or have become so from long continued confinement or disease of the brain. The remainder, 30, labour under many different forms of Insanity.

Most patients with disturbance of the brain are liable to attacks of “*Mania*,” strictly so called; the attack however seldom lasts long.

This Note is signed by Drs. Douglas, Morrin and Frémont.