

quennial periods, the decline in the rate amounted to 36.8 per cent.

"During the thirty years under observation there has been a considerable improvement in the general mortality, but from the data presented above it appears that the decline in the mortality from consumption has been greater than the decline in the general mortality."

The tables compiled by Mr. Crum agree with the conclusions of Mr. Hoffman who affirms that during the past three decades mortality rate for consumption has constantly and considerably declined, so much so that against an average rate of 33 per 10,000 of population in 1871, the rate at present is only 21.

In 1871 the mortality of the sexes was practically the same, and until 1885 the decline in the rate was about equal for both sexes; but, for reasons which are yet to be fully explained and which cannot be discussed in this paper, a change occurred in 1885-1886 by which the rate of mortality from consumption among females decreased so much more rapidly than by 1900 the sexes contrasted in a marked manner, so much so that, while the mortality from this disease was 18 per 10,000 for women, it was 27 per 10,000 for men. Partly, no doubt—perhaps largely—this result must be attributed to the improved conditions of the industrial masses in the United States during the past fifteen years an improvement which has unquestionably been of far more benefit, as to health and longevity, to the female element of the population than to the male.

It is becoming more and more evident that in the struggle between science and consumption the disease is becoming gradually weakened in power and restricted in the range of its dread operations, so that sanguine hopes have been expressed by eminent physicians that tuberculosis will in time become a medical curiosity.

### CANADIAN TRADE WITH WEST INDIES.

The promotion of Canadian trade with the West Indies has received a considerable amount of attention in Parliament where a general desire has been expressed to develop this section of our foreign trade. Subsidies have been granted in aid of a direct line of steamers between Canada and the West Indies. Canada has also sacrificed revenues in order to encourage the business interests of the West Indies. If then the trade between the Dominion and Jamaica and its neighbouring colonies has not enlarged to the extent hoped for the blame, if there is blame, can hardly with justice be placed upon Canada. What then is the record? The following shows Canadian imports from and exports to the West Indies for years 1900, 1898 and 1896, the returns for each division being given, British and foreign, also the totals of the trade for years 1893 to 1900, and the decrease or increase in the imports and exports that took place between 1893 and 1900:

CANADIAN TRADE WITH WEST INDIES, 1900, 1898, 1896.

| West Indies.             | 1900.     |           |           | 1898.     |           |           | 1896.     |           |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                          | Imports.  | Exports.  | Total.    | Imports.  | Exports.  | Total.    | Imports.  | Exports.  | Total.    |
|                          | \$        | \$        | \$        | \$        | \$        | \$        | \$        | \$        | \$        |
| British West Indies..... | 878,617   | 1,698,957 | 2,577,574 | 690,809   | 511,134   | 2,201,943 | 1,201,392 | 1,660,800 | 2,862,192 |
| British Guiana.....      | 85,306    | 282,161   | 367,467   | 62,588    | 273,838   | 336,525   | 194,031   | 274,536   | 468,567   |
| Danish West Indies.....  | 1,156     | 37,485    | 38,641    | 14,443    | 47,901    | 62,344    | 17,510    | 35,252    | 52,762    |
| Dutch West Indies.....   | 13,182    | 761       | 13,943    | 535       | .....     | 535       | 10,256    | .....     | 10,256    |
| French West Indies.....  | .....     | 9,676     | 9,676     | 2,916     | 10,586    | 13,502    | 4,618     | 125,350   | 129,968   |
| Porto Rico & Cuba.....   | 549,072   | 1,127,464 | 1,676,536 | 451,832   | 179,459   | 1,631,291 | 656,258   | 989,415   | 1,645,673 |
| Totals.....              | 1,527,333 | 3,156,504 | 4,683,837 | 1,223,123 | 3,023,017 | 4,246,240 | 2,084,065 | 3,085,353 | 5,169,418 |

TOTAL WEST INDIAN TRADE, 1893 TO 1900.

| Years.    | British West Indies total trade. | British Guiana total trade. | Foreign West Indies total trade. | Years.   | British West Indies total trade. | British Guiana total trade. | Foreign West Indies total trade. |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1900..... | 2,577,574                        | 367,467                     | 1,738,796                        | 1896.... | 2,862,192                        | 468,567                     | 1,838,659                        |
| 1899..... | 2,660,146                        | 285,190                     | 1,704,458                        | 1895.... | 3,096,646                        | 519,842                     | 5,404,787                        |
| 1898..... | 2,201,943                        | 336,525                     | 1,707,672                        | 1893.... | 3,030,447                        | 614,745                     | 3,766,920                        |
| 1897..... | 2,514,492                        | 374,157                     | 1,751,624                        | .....    | .....                            | .....                       | .....                            |

WEST INDIAN TRADE—CHANGES BETWEEN 1893 AND 1900.

| British West Indies. |      | British Guiana. |      | Danish West Indies. |      | Dutch West Indies. |      | French West Indies. |      | Porto Rico and Cuba. |      |
|----------------------|------|-----------------|------|---------------------|------|--------------------|------|---------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| Imports.....         | Dec. | Imports.....    | Dec. | Imports.....        | Dec. | Imports.....       | Dec. | Imports.....        | Dec. | Imports.....         | Dec. |
| 333,226              |      | 252,352         |      | 572                 |      | 10,277             |      | 5,445               |      | 1,881,810            |      |
| Exports.....         | Dec. | Exports.....    | Dec. | Exports.....        | Dec. | Exports.....       | Dec. | Exports.....        | Dec. | Exports.....         | Dec. |
| 119,647              |      | 5,074           |      | 21,986              |      | 611                |      | 20,257              |      | 110,086              |      |