

STATISTICS OF THE CORONER'S COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, 1893.

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The number of deaths investigated during the year was 386. Calculated from the census of 1891, the population of the judicial district of Montreal is rather more than 350,000, of which about 280,000 is urban, making a yearly rate of about 1.1 inquests per 1,000 inhabitants of the district.

In 184 of the 386 cases we were summoned to testify as experts. In the remaining 202 cases the information is obtained from the very complete public records of inquests kept by Coroner McMahon. Of these there were 36 cases in which no medical testimony was taken. In the remaining 166 cases, the medical evidence was given by other physicians, who in 60 cases had either not seen the deceased professionally during life or only at a time remote from the death. In 88 of the cases the evidence was taken before the coroner alone, without a jury.

We give the following details which seem of interest.

Of the bodies, 276 were males and 109 females. In one case, that of a newborn child, the sex is not stated.

CLASSIFICATION BY AGES.

Age...	New-born.	Under 1 yr.	1 to 5 years	5 to 10 yrs.	10 to 20 yrs.	20 to 30 yrs.	30 to 40 yrs.	40 to 50 yrs.	50 to 60 yrs.	60 to 70 yrs.	70 to 80 yrs.	80 to 90 yrs.	90 to 100 yr.	Unknown.	Total.
Cases..	14	11	23	14	25	55	46	58	44	34	17	15	3	27	386
Per ct.	3.6	2.8	5.9	3.6	6.5	14.3	11.9	15.1	11.4	8.8	4.4	3.9	0.8	7.0	100.0

CLASSIFICATION BY MONTHS.

Month.....	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Cases.....	23	35	35	28	36	44	33	40	27	41	26	18	386
Percentage	5.9	9.1	9.1	7.2	9.3	11.4	8.5	10.4	7.1	10.6	6.7	4.7	100.0