

tand the feelings of the good people who nervously deprecate the "scare" that has been created by the epidemic, and stimulated by the unusual publicity given to the progress of the disease. It is true that Montreal has never been so badly scared by an epidemic as this. Some say the scare was worse than the disease. My opinion is that this epidemic is one of the best things that could occur to Montreal, who has for years been living in defiance of all natural laws, and now that the inevitable result has come, it would be more than useless to attempt to belittle the penalty Montreal is now paying. Fortunately the sanitary matters had been placed in better hands or the city would indeed have been in a bad plight. Even when free from epidemics, the city has an extraordinary high death rate, but business men agree that it does not scare business, providing it is steady away from the city like an epidemic. It is useless for Montreal to cry over spilt milk, it ought to know by this time that it cannot defy nature's laws with impunity, and knowing this, the sooner the people commence to live in obedience to those laws the better for both commerce and society. This last experience is, we think, sufficient for the commercial men of Montreal. They will labor not only to make epidemics and "scares" impossible for the future, but to make the city healthy generally. They needed awakening upon this subject and if the awakening has been rough it has been thorough. When the small-pox was silently and surely progressing, the city council did nothing; it was aware of its progress but