

calculated, and that thus a number of deaths were recorded while the increased number of immigrants has not been added to the population, this cause would not account for the increased mortality, for it has been shown, that the addition of 20000 immigrants over the usual number; of an average town population; 20 years of age, would add only 130 deaths in that year.

It is very likely true, that the inhabitants of the suburbs, outside of the city limits, are now using the city burial grounds in an increased proportion, and that the illegitimate children† sent to the city has also increased by more than a proportionate number, so that the increased mortality may be only apparent.

On the other hand, the greatly increased cost of living, arising from the extraordinary advance in house rents, &c., has doubtless resulted in over crowding among the poorer classes, and helps to explain why the marriage rate, which in the 7 years beginning with 1855 was 1 in 93, declined to 1 in 101 during the next 7 years. The number of young persons now employed in factories is also much greater than it was fourteen years ago, so that it is likely, that an actual increase in the rate of mortality has taken place.

After all, it has been shown that Montreal is more healthy than Glasgow and London, and much more healthy than Manchester; and that the deaths of children in the first year of life, in Montreal, are not only, not excessive, but actually less, in proportion to the number of births, than in London.

A very imperfect sketch has now been given of the unfounded statements and erroneous views circulated by the Sanitary Association, and the reader must judge of what effect they have had on the general prosperity of the city. But, of the Secretary it must be said, once for all, on behalf of men who are labouring in a most uninviting field of thought; in which the work is hard and the fruit is little, that he has no place in the wide domain of Statistical Science.

EXPERIENCE.

Montreal, September, 1869.

† As nearly all, the illegitimate children sent to the city are taken to the Grey Nunnery and baptised; the Roman Catholic portion of the population is made to appear more prolific than it is; but as comparatively few survive the first year, their deaths increase in a very much greater degree the apparent rate of mortality.