

The older classification accepted consumption as a constitutional disease and it alone represented tuberculosis. The euphemism "Chronic Bronchitis" may have been used by those not desiring to employ the term "Consumption" in connection with their patient.

But since the adoption of the newer classification, all diseases related to tuberculosis, such as: lupus, coxalgia, white swelling, Pott's disease, meningitis, tabes mesenterica, etc., are grouped together.

According to a calculation which has been prepared by our city statistician concerning the total mortality by pulmonary tuberculosis or consumption (the only form of tuberculosis mentioned) in the City of Montreal during the last thirty years, from January, 1878, to January, 1908, there were 16,256 deaths from this disease, a relatively high figure. Dividing this into decades we find in the first one from 1878 to 1888 a proportion of 27.9 deaths from tuberculosis per 10,000 of the population. In the second decade from 1888 to 1898 the rate was 24.6 per 10,000, and the third decade 1898 to the present year, 20.5 per 10,000, showing a diminution of a little over 7 per 10,000 of the population in the three decades. The annual maximum was 30.7 per 10,000 in 1880 and the annual minimum 18.0 per 10,000 in 1904.

I have some figures here from the Provinces of Ontario, of Nova Scotia and of Quebec, but it would take too long to read them and they are not detailed enough to enable us to make any practical comparisons.

As to the mortality from this cause throughout the whole Dominion we have the statement of our friend, Dr. Richer, placing it at 8,000 per annum which, calculated on the population of our last census 5,371,315, would give us a rate of 14.8 per 10,000.

Concerning the number of cases of tuberculosis existing in Montreal, we have no information, attention having been given to the prevalence of these cases only since the foundation of our League, and its experience has been too limited to permit of our making any comparisons. Despite the reputation for health-