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ART. XXXVI.—*Statistics of Delirium Tremens amongst the Troops in Canada for the last thirty years, with some observations on the Disease.* By Walter Henry, M.D., Inspector General of Military Hospitals.

My attention having been called to the subject, I caused an examination to be made last summer amongst the records in the Inspector General's Office, with the object of ascertaining whether or not this disease had become more frequent, and more fatal, amongst the troops, in proportion to strength, within the last thirty years. I have divided this time into quinquennial periods, and send a synopsis of the result for the Medical Chronicle; under the impression that the matter is of public and professional, as well as military interest.

TABLE I.

For five years from 1st April 1823 to 31st March, 1828.

Aggregate strength of the troops in Canada for the period, ..	13,841
Average annual strength,	2,768
Number of cases of Delirium Tremens,	54
Number of deaths,	1

Ratio of cases to strength as 1 to 256.

Ratio of deaths to cases as 1 to 54.*

N.B.—Fractions omitted.

TABLE II.

For five years ending 31st March, 1833.

Aggregate strength of the troops.....	15,763
Average annual strength.....	3,152
Number of cases.....	140
Number of deaths.....	10

Ratio of cases to strength as 1 to 113.

Ratio of deaths to cases as 1 to 14.

* As the disease was not so accurately diagnosed thirty years ago as at a later period, it is probable that this table does not comprize all the fatal cases that occurred; and that those omitted were retained under some other head.