

*more than twice as long as those in the worst houses of the worst streets.*

The existing state of knowledge in England on these subjects, may be gained (1) from the quarterly and annual reports of the Registrar-general ; (2) from the reports of Her Majesty's Commissioners on the Sanitary Condition of the working classes, and on the Health of Towns ; (3) from local reports and tracts published by the various Health-of-Towns' Associations. The present laws of England will be found in the "Public Health Act," and especially in the "towns-improvement clauses." All these documents could be obtained, either gratuitously or at a very moderate expense, on application to "P. H. Holland, Esq., H. M. Commissioner for Burial Grounds, Burial Board, Whitehall, London, England." They would form a very important addition to the public libraries of every Canadian city.

It is not to be expected that in a newly settled country, where the population greatly fluctuates, according to the accidents of immigration or commercial prosperity, the same accuracy of detail can be arrived at. But, by collecting the facts already accessible, we can both take measures to guard against errors in future returns, and shew the necessity of immediate sanitary regulations.

For the year 1851, we are in possession of tables, very carefully drawn out, both of the population and of deaths, arranged according to different ages and conditions, in the various cities and districts of Upper and Lower Canada. By comparing these, one with another, and taking the average number of deaths for every thousand inhabitants during the year, we obtain the following results ; the fractions here, as elsewhere, being disregarded.

For the purposes of comparison, statistics are added from England, where the returns are most accurately made, and the causes of error most carefully guarded against ; and from the last official Registration Report of Massachusetts, as being a long settled State, in climatal conditions not very dissimilar to those of Canada. The general mortality of the principal part of Rhode Island is also added, from the Government Report.