

purposes of plunder. We believe that they would have been dispersed by a corporal's guard of resolute men and the honor and dignity of the city preserved. With regard to compulsory vaccination we think it is a matter for the Dominion Government to legislate upon and not the municipality of any one city or town. It is a subject of vital importance to the inhabitants of this growing country, and should engage the earnest and careful consideration of the highest legislative tribunal amongst us. Compulsory vaccination has in other countries almost stamped out the disease small-pox. We cannot conceive why our French Canadian fellow colonists are so averse to vaccination. Let any unprejudiced person stand at the door of any one of their churches, when the vast congregation is dispersing to their homes after service, and he will observe that every second face presented, exhibits the marks more or less of small-pox. Let him now turn to a catholic church of Irish or old country worshipers, and it will be exceptional to observe a single seared or pock pitted countenance. We will not seek to ascertain the cause of this difference, it is not a question of race or of religion, but of education. The French Canadian does not fear small-pox, heroically he will expose himself and those dear to him to the chance of contracting that disease, the possibility of preventing its spread through his family, does not appear to enter into his calculations, and should death remove a victim or two he with the Turk exclaims that God is great and the event was inevitable. This state of things proceeds from an imperfect knowledge of facts. Our French Canadian is proud of his origin and continually speaks of *La Belle France* as though no other country on the face of this globe existed where almost perfection was to be met with. We honor him for this love of the country of his forefathers, and as a British Canadian we confess to a like feeling as regards Merry England, but if he would put in practice with the same earnestness the sanitary measures adopted by France in this question of vaccination, the coming race of French Canadians would be as free from the ravages of small-pox as are the people of old France.