

	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.
Population	183,504	189,051	201,743	210,000	216,300

Births—Rate per 1,000 of Population.

French-Canadians.	54.79	55.84	54.68	52.36	51.59
Other Catholics....	45.45	31.03	30.48	28.85	27.19
Protestants.....	23.96	25.53	25.16	25.27	23.25
	<u>45.37</u>	<u>43.63</u>	<u>42.91</u>	<u>41.33</u>	<u>40.09</u>

Deaths.

	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.
French-Canadians.	30.11	32.72	34.44	33.04	30.64
Other Catholics ...	24.02	25.51	26.70	21.57	21.42
Protestants.....	15.50	18.63	18.22	15.69	14.05
	<u>25.36</u>	<u>27.96</u>	<u>28.86</u>	<u>26.60</u>	<u>24.80</u>

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Zymotic Diseases...	1,270	1,743	1,619	1,525	1,301
Constitutional	716	695	783	789	799
Local	1,666	1,751	2,010	2,214	2,337
Developmental	847	920	1,107	917	808
Deaths by Violence.	156	177	241	152	120
	<u>4,655</u>	<u>5,286</u>	<u>5,822</u>	<u>5,588</u>	<u>5,365</u>

A brief analysis of this report is interesting. In the first place, with regard to the birth-rate, this will be noticed to have steadily diminished since 1886. In that year it was 45.37; last year it was 40.09. The fall is most marked among French-Canadians, although the Protestant showing is little better in proportion. Even this birth-rate compares most favourably with that of other countries. For instance, among native-born Canadians it is barely 17 per thousand, while that of foreign-born citizens is under 37 per thousand. The death-rate for all nationalities has been at length reduced to 24.80 per thousand. The mortality among French-Canadians, although very high, has never been so small as in 1886, being the year after the epidemic of small-pox. Doubtless the after history of all scourges would present a similar showing. To the improved system of sewage, however, is to be largely attributed any diminution in our death rate. There are now in this city one hundred and twenty-six miles of sewers. Since 1883, or in the short space of eight years, no