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ONE HUNDRED CASES IN THE CORONER'S  
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The increased interest taken in the proceedings of the Coroner's Court by the medical profession and the public during the past year, which has led to my being entrusted with the medical examination of bodies upon which inquests are held—as far as was possible under the existing laws and regulations,—makes a faithful report of the work done one of the duties of this position. In a preliminary communication prepared jointly with Dr. G. Villeneuve,\* it was found impossible to do much more than deal with the general statistical aspects of the medical evidence, in order to prevent our paper from being too long, so that the scientific details of the cases could not be considered.

It is perhaps necessary to apologize for including so many ordinary and commonplace cases, but, as no such series has yet been published in Canada, it seemed worth while to give a true picture of the ordinary every-day work of a coroner's physician. Although 100 cases form too small a material to offer much that is novel or curious in the way of medico-legal facts, yet it seemed well at the present time to publish a series of observations which would give a general idea of the

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\* Montreal Medical Journal, Aug., 1893. L'Union Médicale du Canada, Aug., 1893.