

tion, but with innumerable other impurities engendered by a defective drainage; and as our growth goes on, this massing of the poor is becoming greater. This is an evil which exists in every large city; it is perhaps almost vain to look for a remedy; but while we cannot remove it, there is much we can do to alleviate it. In a word, supply breathing places for our population; give our city—lungs. Unfortunately for us, our ancestors seem to have had but a faint idea of Montreal becoming the great city it is even now. Our streets—many of the old ones, are very narrow, and are costing us no small amount to widen them, and until lately we were entirely destitute of public squares; but within a few years, thanks to the energy of our city council, our city has been redeemed from this slur, and we now have several handsome squares, and others are rapidly increasing in beauty, but their limited capacity render them unfit for any large number to take advantage of them. It is therefore with no little pleasure we note the action of our council with reference to the matter of a public park. It is a most important one in a sanitary point of view; and to the gentlemen who are actively working in this matter we most heartily say, "God speed." A word or two more and we have done. Let no thought of cost deter them from having a large and well planned park; one not only large enough now, but capacious even a hundred years hence. The site of the old race course and mountain, visited some weeks ago, seems a noble one; it would give a splendid pair of lungs to our beautiful city; it would give pure invigorating air to our population, and do not a little to keep down our now apparently increasing mortality. This is no mere local question: our remarks apply to every city in the province; let the council of each see that its population has ample breathing space. Those who have taken the initiative in our own city deserve much credit, and if they carry it faithfully through, we envy the pleasant fame which awaits them in the history of Montreal.

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#### YELLOW FEVER.

We have been much pained to learn of the serious outbreak of yellow fever at Bermuda, intelligence of which reached this city about the 14th August. The British troops have suffered severely, and the disease at last accounts was making sad havoc among them. A number of army medical men were at once ordered to proceed to the scene of the epidemic to assist their brethren; and on the 17th the following left our city for Portland, *en route* for Halifax, where they will take steamer for Bermuda:—Dr. Taylor, Surgeon Major, from the Kingston garrison; Drs. Barrow, Surgeon Major; Moffatt, Surgeon; Milroy, Assistant Surgeon,