

We have certainly not as much to complain of the ravages of consumption in this country, as in the midst of those populous cities of Europe, where luxury and plenty have given rise to the developement of numberless disorders heretofore unknown. It is a painful reflexion when we come to consider that the more nations have advanced towards a perfect state of civilisation, the more also they have to deplore the progress of diseases keeping pace with what is now called refined habits & manners. Fortunately for the Canadian people their climate and the absence of all those insidious maxims of the age, will long prove an insuperable barrier to the introduction of numerous calamities which have already become the appanage of their continental neighbours.

We do not mean to advance that our countrymen are entirely free from consumption; indeed we must confess that its frequency in the cities of Quebec and Montreal is an awful testimony of the truth of our assertion, and more particularly when we compare the vast disproportion of diseases which already exists between the population of our cities, and that which is found disseminated over our extensive territory. A consumptive patient, (*un poumonique*) as they call it, is a case seldom met with in the country where the population is ten to one in the cities, whilst in the latter it has become already so prevalent, that we can assert with some degree of accuracy, that very near one fifth fall victims to that dreadful scourge; and it is that consideration which has convinced us of the necessity of enquiring more minutely into the causes which give rise to its propagation, and into the safest means of preventing its introduction. This we shall make the subject of a separate article in some future number.

Under the impression, however, that it may prove useful to our professional brethren, we have unfolded the pages of Sir A. CRIGHTON'S work, and because the method which he prescribes as having succeeded in his hands beyond all expectations, has not yet undergone that trial, which will ensure its general employment. Our intention is not to signalize it as a specific, but merely to give an opportunity of trying its effects, in the absence of all other methods which have as yet