

servatories, for fostering the groth of laziness and mendicity, similar to the poor houses of England or the alms houses of the United States. A provision however might be made by the municipal councils of the different counties to supply food and medical aid to diseased paupers, many of whom now actually perish from sheer destitution. Medical men in Canada generally sustain the loss of at least one third of their lawful debts through the dishonesty of the parties who employ them upon the credit system." It is peculiarly oppressive in addition to impose upon *those alone*, the entire medical charity of the country. This state of affairs should be combatted unanimsly by the profession: through the press, by private exertion, it should be placed prominently before society: the different medical societies should take it into serious con-

sideration, and rules should be submitted for the guidance of practitioners to obviate the evil influence of allowing so important a portion of their labours to remain unacknowledged many impoverished persons are compelled to pay for medical attendance who are infinitely less competent than the clergy, and if the latter will persist in the advocacy of charlatannerie and supernatural agency in therapeutics, they should be allowed to do so without having any cause of self-reproach for their ingratitude. The known beneficence of our profession will prevent the minister of the Gospel from sustaining any loss by such an arrangement by contributing to his support at least an equivalent, and the result would be to give to the latter a feeling of more honorable independence. (H.)

St. Catherines, 22nd Jan., 1851.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER at MONTREAL, for the Month of DEC, 1850.

DATE.	THERMOMETER.				BAROMETER.				WIND.			WEATHER.		
	7 A.M.	3 P.M.	10 P.M.	Mean.	7 A.M.	3 P.M.	10 P.M.	Mean.	7 A.M.	3 P.M.	10 P.M.	7 A.M.	3 P.M.	10 P.M.
1	+37	+38	+29	+37.5	29.59	29.67	29.79	29.68	W	W	N W	Fair	Fair	Fair
2	" 25	" 32	" 24	" 28.5	29.86	29.87	29.97	29.90	N	N	N E	Fair	Fair	Fair
3	" 23	" 28	" 36	" 28.5	29.92	29.68	29.48	29.68	N E	N E	N E	Clo'dy	Snow	O'rcs't
4	" 35	" 39	" 32	" 37.	29.74	29.77	29.85	30.79	W	S W	N	Fair	Fair	Fair
5	" 30	" 32	" 28	" 31.	29.90	29.87	29.90	29.89	N	S W	S W	Clo'dy	Clo'dy	Fair
6	" 21	" 26	" 21	" 23.5	30.08	30.05	30.04	30.06	S W	W	W	Fair	Fair	Fair
7	" 23	" 23	" 21	" 23.5	29.50	29.49	29.15	29.48	S W	N E	N E	Snow	Snow	Snow
8	" 14	" 15	" 14	" 14.5	29.28	29.47	29.61	29.45	N E	N E	N E	Fair	Fair	O'rcs't
9	" 20	" 27	" 25	" 23.5	29.64	29.56	29.53	29.58	S W	S W	S W	O'rcs't	Snow	Snow
10	" 19	" 14	" 4	" 16.5	29.63	29.70	29.78	29.70	W	W N W	N	Clo'dy	Fair	Clo'dy
11	" 8	" 11	" 12	" 9.5	29.67	29.55	29.62	29.61	N by W	N by W	N N W	Fair	Snow	Clo'dy
12	" 23	" 17	" 1	" 20.	29.67	29.77	29.91	29.71	N N W	N by E	N by E	Fair	Clo'dy	Clo'dy
13	- 6	" 5	" 0	" -0.5	30.10	30.09	30.15	30.11	W	W	W	Fair	Fair	Fair
14	" 6	" 27	" 20	" 16.	30.04	29.90	29.89	29.94	S W	S	S	Clo'dy	Clo'dy	Fair
15	" 18	" 30	" 32	" 24.	29.87	29.74	29.73	29.78	S	S	S by E	O'rcs't	Clo'dy	O'rcs't
16	" 32	" 28	" 14	" 30.	29.82	29.84	29.76	29.81	N W	N W	N W	O'rcs't	Clo'dy	Snow
17	" 13	" 19	" 10	" 16.	29.70	29.74	29.83	29.76	N W	N W	N W	Snow	Snow	Fair
18	" 3	" 7	" 1	" 5.	29.93	30.04	30.15	30.06	N	N	W	Fair	Fair	Fair
19	- 8	- 1	" 2	" -4.5	30.21	29.95	29.70	29.95	S W	S W	S W	Fair	Snow	Fair
20	" 8	" 11	" 3	" 9.5	29.75	29.77	29.84	29.79	S S W	W N W	S W	Clo'dy	O'rcs't	Fair
21	" 16	" 30	" 19	" 23.	29.62	29.48	29.70	29.60	S W	S W	S W	Snow	Snow	Fair
22	" 3	" 6	" 5	" 4.5	29.77	29.86	29.68	29.77	W N W	N N E	N N E	Fair	Fair	Fair
23	" 7	" 8	" 5	" 7.5	29.20	29.14	29.53	29.29	N	N	N W	Snow	Snow	St'rm
24	- 9	" 0	- 2	" -4.5	30.14	30.16	30.22	30.17	S	S W	S W	Fair	Fair	Fair
25	" 3	" 19	" 7	" 11.	30.10	29.71	29.50	29.77	S	E S E	E S E	Clo'dy	Clo'dy	Snow
26	" 11	" 25	" 21	" 18.	29.47	29.42	29.46	29.45	S	S W	S W	Clo'dy	Snow	O'rcs't
27	" 26	" 33	" 25	" 29.5	29.44	29.57	29.65	29.55	S S W	S W	S W	Fair	Snow	Snow
28	" 0	" 6	- 2	" 3.	30.01	30.00	29.90	29.97	N	N	N	Fair	Fair	O'rcs't
29	" 4	" 10	" 5	" 7.	29.76	29.78	30.00	29.83	N W	W	W	Su st'r	Snow	O'rcs't
30	- 6	" 5	- 1	" 0.5	30.23	30.34	30.46	30.36	W	S W	W	Fair	Fair	Fair
31	- 8	" 8	" 2	" 0.	30.40	30.08	29.80	30.09	N	N	N W	Fair	Fair	O'rcs't

Therm { Maximum +39° on the 4th, at 3 P. M.
 { Minimum, +9° " 24th, at 7 A. M.
 Mean of the Month, +15.6°

Barom. { Maximum, 30.46 in, on the 30th, at 10 P. M.
 { Minimum, 29.14 " " 23d, at 3 P. M.
 Mean of the Month, 29.796 inches.