

Montreal was not the only city which was scourged by cholera. Vaudreuil and Lachine, in its immediate vicinity, shared the plague; but with how different results the following table will show.

Analysis of 3 years, 1853-1855.		Total population.	Excess of births over deaths.	Total deaths.	Deaths per 1000.
1853	Lachine..	20376	+355	349	17
	Montreal..	59686	+763	2278	38
	Vaudreuil..	22647	+609	394	17
1854	Lachine..	20731	+ 53	614	29
	Montreal..	60449	-463	3739	62
	Vaudreuil..	23256	+404	556	24
1855	Lachine..	20786	+328	402	19
	Montreal..	59986	+1028	2231	37
	Vaudreuil..	23660	+192	257	11
Total for 3 years.					
1853-1855	Lachine..	61893	{ +736 or 12 per 1000	1365	22
	Montreal..	180121	{ +1228 or 7 per 1000	8248	46
	Vaudreuil..	69563	{ +1205 or 17 per 1000	1107	16

Several causes may be assigned for the frightful amount of mortality which the stern facts of the burial registers assign to the city of Montreal. The first of these is emigration. The emigrants are said to be a peculiarly unhealthy race of people, landed on the shore only in time to die. If that were the cause, we ought to find the mortality of Quebec greater than Montreal, as the poorest and most sickly are unable to proceed further; whereas Quebec only loses 25 to 34 who perish at Montreal. Moreover, the earlier years, when the emigrants were most numerous, were far more healthy than the later ones, when emigration has considerably slackened, and when those who arrive are much better cared for. The principal way in which the emigrants affect the returns is by increasing the population. This will probably lessen the average of later years; to what extent the coming census only can decide. It is the custom in each city to state loosely the supposed number of its inhabitants; I have not been able, however, to find any accurate returns beyond those given above. The tide of emigration affected Toronto fully as much as Montreal; yet its mortality is *considerably less than half* that of its older sister. As an offset to the increase of population, it may be necessary to say, that, in each year but one, several of the religious bodies sent in no returns (on the average, 6 each year). It is presumed, however, that the number of deaths thus unregistered is but small.