

ter being kept) yet it is beyond question that the percentage is very large. Not only then is there an individual interest at stake to insist upon vaccination, but also a public one, for every fresh case of small-pox is a focus from which to radiate the infection. In England so great is the responsibility of parents who neglect to have their children vaccinated considered, that within the last six months Dr. Lankester, one of the Coroners for the City of London, has held inquests upon the bodies of children who have died of small-pox, and unvaccinated. In each case the verdict of the Jury held the parents to a strict account for their neglect. Notwithstanding the horror then with which this disease is held by all classes, it is singular that so many parents still neglect to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the public vaccinators.

Having said so much on the dark side of the picture, the Vaccinators have much pleasure in drawing the attention of the City Council to the fact that ever since they received their appointment, and the Act became tolerably well known and understood, a steady yearly decrease has taken place in the number of deaths from small-pox. This is most conclusive evidence of the good results of the Act, and is most gratifying to them, as they are sure it must be to the public. In 1864 the number of deaths from small pox was 363; in 1865 they decreased to 85, and the past year they have still further diminished—only numbering 51. Were the Vaccination Act made applicable to the country districts, as well as to the large towns, still greater benefits might be anticipated, for not a few of the cases of small-pox terminating fatally, and included in our annual City mortality, (from the fact that they are interred in one of our cemeteries,) are from the numerous villages in the neighborhood of Montreal, where but little attention is paid to vaccination.

Since our appointment in 1862, the total number of 3,436 children have been vaccinated by us, divided as follows:

St. James, St. Louis, and St. Mary's Ward.....	1,774
St. Ann's and St. Antoine.....	1,218
East, West, Centre, and St. Lawrence.....	444
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	3,436

The Vaccinators beg respectfully to submit that the amount (25 cents) which they receive for every successful case of vaccination, is altogether inadequate for the time and trouble involved in the vaccination of the child, granting certificates, and keeping a correct register. In Great Britain a sum equal to 60 cents is allowed for each public vaccination; and they would respectfully ask the Council to increase their remuneration to 50 cents for each successful case of vaccination.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

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