

	Ratio of thousand : deaths
Gibraltar.....	11.1
Malta.....	15.3
Mediterranean... Ionian Islands.....	15.5
Corfu and Vido.....	15.8
Zante.....	19.6
Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.....	13.1

It will be observed from the above table that the number of deaths in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia is very little greater than among the most favoured troops in Great Britain—the household troops, and much less than among the *infantry* stationed in the mother country, being as 13.1 to 16.8. The report, after stating that the troops sent to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick had spent 4 of the preceding 7 years in the Mediterranean, and 3 in the West Indies (being more than half the period of foreign service required to entitle them to a free discharge or a pension), goes on to say :—

“This system, however, led to a considerable increase in the average age of the force employed in British America within the last ten years, which, as mortality increases with advancing age, might be expected to affect the results in any comparison with the former period. Besides this, many of the regiments brought with them from the West Indies men labouring under chronic disease and constitutions deteriorated by tropical service, whose deaths occurring shortly after their arrival, have no doubt increased the average mortality of the Nova Scotia command beyond what could be fairly attributed to the climate. * * *

“It also contributed to increase materially the sickness in these years, that, owing to the sudden demand for assistance, several regiments had to be landed at Halifax, from the West Indies, in the depth of winter, without any warm clothing having been provided to protect them against the inclemency of the season. * * * *

“Under the influence of the climate of the command, the health of the troops from the West Indies appears gradually to have improved, as shown by the reduced mortality in each successive year of their service from 1839, which is the first that will admit of correct deductions from the returns.”

There is another point on which it is expedient to observe, before taking leave of this subject.