

of the most important points is the cause of deaths; but we fear its statements, as in similar statistics, will lose much value from incorrectness of the accounts given in to the Board. Persons are constantly dying from unknown causes, and with ailments that are supposititious. Too often a name is given at random, or on false belief, to cover a disease to which it has not the least reference. We have seen this done both in public and private, and do not write unadvisedly. The weekly bills of mortality in any large city show the same truth.

The census is supposed to have been taken on the 12th January, 1852. The population of the two Provinces amounts to 1,842,265.—Upper Canada 952,004, of Lower Canada 890,261. Comparative tables show that the greatest rate of increase in the former has been $11\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, in the years 1834 and 1851; lowest $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., in 1825 and 1842. Similar details are not given of Lower Canada, but simply a table of its population in different years; in 1831 its population was 511,920.

Attendance at the Schools of Medicine in Canada. Session 1853-54.—At Toronto there are 50 registered students in Trinity University, of whom 8 are matriculants for the degree of M.B., having passed the necessary preliminary examinations. The Toronto School of Medicine numbers 37 pupils. The medical department of the Toronto University is not in operation.

At Quebec there are 8 students following the School of Medicine of that city; upon some of the branches usually taught—practice of physic and surgery—there are no lectures given.

At Montreal, a larger number of medical aspirants have congregated together during the present than in any previous winter. 76 names are enrolled in the matriculation book of the medical faculty of McGill College, and 38 élèves are attached to the Montreal School of Medicine and Surgery.

Quebec Marine and Emigrant Hospital.—His Excellency the Administrator of the Government has been pleased to make the following appointments to this institution. Dr. James Sewell, Alexander Buchanan, Esq., Chief Emigrant Agent, and Dr. Olivier Robitaille, to be trustees for its management, in place of the former Board of Commissioners, whose appointment is revoked. Dr. James Sewell to be chairman, and Dr. Philip Wells to be secretary and treasurer of the said trust. Drs. Joseph Painchaud, Jean Blanchet, Alexander Rowand and Alfred Jackson, to be visiting physicians in the place of former physicians, whose appointment is revoked. These new appointments are dated, Secretary's Of-