

Mount Royal Cemetery Company Crematorium

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THE opening of the first Crematorium to be erected in Canada will undoubtedly attract public attention to a movement, which, though comparatively new in its modern development, has already secured a large and steadily increasing number of adherents in many foreign lands. Prejudice, founded mainly upon the practice of centuries in the disposal of the bodies of the dead, is rapidly vanishing before the ever-growing realization of the benefits and advantages of cremation as carried on in accordance with accepted scientific principles. On the one side stands a natural and tender sympathy with ancient customs; on the other a desire to remove an undoubted menace to public health through the presence of cemeteries in more or less congested districts. Religion, as has aptly been remarked, has no real standing in the question. Burial existed with the advent of Christianity; it was not an outcome of the teachings of the Master. It has no stronger claim for retention than the mode of life, the methods of transportation, etc., of those days. If science is not to be restricted in these and many other ways