

Deafmuted-  
ism in  
Canada.

140. Deafmutedism is, according to the census of 1871 and 1881, apparently on the increase in Canada, and the proportion is considerably higher than that of most countries. In the four Provinces in 1871 there was 1 deaf mute in every 919 persons, and in the same Provinces in 1881 there was 1 in every 782 persons, being an increase of 14.90 per cent. In the whole Dominion in 1881 the proportion was 1 in 801.

Proportions in  
the Pro-  
vinces.

141. The following were the proportions in the several Provinces in 1881, the figures for the four older Provinces for 1871 being also given. The Provinces are arranged in order, that Province being placed first in which deaf mutes was most prevalent:—

DEAFMUTEISM BY PROVINCES—1871 AND 1881.

		1881.	1871.
Quebec.....	One in every	610 persons.	731 persons.
Nova Scotia.....	“	758 “	879 “
New Brunswick.....	“	801 “	933 “
Prince Edward Island.....	“	892 “	“
Ontario .....	“	979 “	1,147 “
Manitoba .....	“	1,346 “	“
British Columbia.....	“	1,831 “	“
The Territories .....	“	2,016 “	“

It will be noticed that deaf mutes was much more prevalent in Quebec than anywhere else.

Insanity  
in 1871 and  
1881.

142. According to the census returns, insanity is on the decrease in this country, the proportion having been 1 in 369 in 1871, and 1 in 437 in 1881, and the following table shows the extent of its prevalence in the several Provinces in the respective years:—