

irritable bladder, insomnia, huge bedsores, etc., without the slightest relief to the paralytic symptoms, the bones becoming consolidated.

He being particularly solicitous for an operation, laminectomy was done on May 25th last, with the assistance of Dr. McKay, M.P.P., Ingersoll, and Drs. McLurg and Rice, of Woodstock. An incision six inches long, over the spinous processes, was made, and the muscles and tendons cleared from the spinous processes and laminae. The posterior arches of the eleventh and twelfth vertebræ were removed just internal to the transverse processes, thoroughly exposing the cord for about four inches. The sheath of the cord was so adherent to the arches, owing to inflammatory action, that the spinal marrow was exposed in their removal. A probe was now introduced several inches up the posterior surface of the cord, and the same in the lower part meeting with no obstruction, it showed that there was no angular projection of bone into the canal behind. The wound was treated in the same way as in the other case. On May 28th, three days after the operation, he was able to move all the toes of the right foot; on May 31st the foot could be slightly flexed upon the leg. There was a slight return of sensibility on a line two and a half inches lower than before. There has been no improvement in the left foot; all other symptoms remained unimproved, excepting lightning pains in the abdominal walls, below the navel, which made his life almost unbearable; these disappeared after operation, and did not return. During the operation his pulse ran up to 165, but during convalescence his temperature was not above 100° F., and pulse 110.

*Query:* Should this operation have been done earlier?

[N.B.—Since this paper was read before the Ontario Medical Association great improvement in nearly all his symptoms has taken place. He can move his right and left legs equally well from one side of the bed to the other, is gaining more power (natural) over the bladder and rectum, and in the short time since the operation the case has been attended with most gratifying success.—A.B.W.]