

upon the poor man, and crushed him in a most shocking manner. The abdominal and thoracic viscera were completely forced out, the heart lying exposed on the outer surface of the abdomen. Yet, in this condition, when the poor fellow was extricated he uttered, the words "good bye," and immediately expired. Horrible mutilations are quite common on railways, but a form of accident like this, forcing out the viscera, we do not hear of every day, and produces quite a sensation.

There have been several alterations in the staff of the Hospitals, within the past two months, but as these are generally given in the Medical Journals, I shall not recapitulate them. G.

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MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

(Reported by Mr. R. Anderson.)

Peter Summer, middle age, admitted on the 27th July, 1856, empyema of the left side; under Dr. Reddy, subsequently under Dr. Wright.

When admitted a splashing sound was distinctly heard on succussion; left side enlarged and dull on percussion; obscure breathing as high as the second rib; and a deficiency of expansile movement. The disease seemed to have originated in an attack of pleuro-pneumonia, which he experienced two years before; since then he felt a peculiar sensation of weight and uneasiness in that side. On the 4th of July he first began to be aware of this collection in the chest; and had often heard the splashing, before making application for admission to the hospital. He was subject to paroxysms of coughing; with profuse expectoration, which occurred about once a week. On the 15th of August the chest was measured by Dr. Wright, and it was found that the affected side was nearly an inch greater in circumference than the opposite.

Under a mixture of Donovan's solution and iodide of potassium, the cough became less troublesome, and expectoration diminished. Aegophony was now heard. Pulse 95. He complained of great pain; sometimes in the side, at others in the lumbar region, increased on pressure. The expansile movement of the chest became more marked, and respiration more distinct, and almost normal over a larger extent of surface, (all round the nipple); and he began to get more rest at night.

This continued up to the 27th, when he complained of an attack of indigestion, with great abdominal uneasiness, which was attributed to the effects of the medicine. Under the following draught he completely recovered from these symptoms. ℞ tr. sennae ℥ss, spt. ammoniac arom, tr. hyoscy. aa ʒj. ft. haust.

On the 30th we again tried succussion, but no sound could be heard. The side had increased in size half an inch, with œdema of the integument over the left mamma. A drachm of the following liniment was rubbed in four times a day.

℞ lin. sapon. co. ℥iss. tr. digitalis, tr. iodinii aa ʒss. M. ft. lin.

About the beginning of September he became confused in his intel-