

Rev. Father Shea. As the patient spoke but little English, and his brothers, who were travelling with him, none at all—as Dr Eastwood did not desire the charge of the case, and as on examination and consultation it was deemed better to have him removed to Toronto, I telegraphed to the superintendent of the Grand Trunk at Toronto to have a room ready for the patient and one of his brothers at the City Hotel, where I was aware the proprietors spoke French—an inestimable boon to the patient and his attendant.

Having bandaged both feet as securely as possible, I had him conveyed on a stretcher to the station and placed comfortably in the baggage-car (part of which had been cleared for his reception whilst the train was coming from Port Hope, no time being lost), and giving him a full dose of opium he slept soundly until we arrived at Toronto. A party of men being in readiness at the Union Station, he was at once carried to the hotel and put in bed between 1 and 2 A.M., 24th October, 1872.

At 2 P.M., my friend Dr. De La Hooke, having most carefully administered chloroform, with the able assistance of Dr Spragge, I performed Pirogoff's operation on the left foot, the soft parts and bones being crushed to such an extent that no lesser mutilation could possibly be undertaken, and we preferred it to either Syme's operation or amputation at the lower third of the leg. The anterior tibial and external plantar having been secured and the various tendons and nerve trunks drawn out and cut off short, the tendo-Achillis divided with a tenotomy knife, the parts were adjusted and united by the ordinary silk suture, a piece of lint wet in the bloody water and a bandage applied. The patient was restored to bed and the influence of opium. On the 25th, and for some days subsequently, the wound on the left stump progressed very favorably, healing over two-thirds of its extent by the first intention, and each alternate suture was removed on the fifth day. During this period, there had been a little fever and some restlessness at night, but of so little consequence that an aperient was all the medicine he required. On the 31st, he felt very well, but from this up to the 3rd of November he began to show symptoms of constitutional irritation, the appetite failed slightly, stomach and bowels lost tone and the wound ceased to advance as rapidly and healthily as before—a state of things evidently due to the condition of the right foot, which, although purposely overlooked in this report, received our constant attention.