

The inflammatory fever was of course great. I directed poultices to be applied, gave him a sedative and diaphoretic mixture, with chlorodyne at night. and put the leg on the splint recommended by Mr. Barwell for the hip-joint disease.

Saw him again, August 26th. The wound was discharging freely, pain and swelling still great, and he was much emaciated, and worn out. This state of things continued for some days when the pain and discharge lessened. They subsequently returned with great force, though while the discharge was at its height the pain ceased. Shortly afterwards the flow gradually decreased, and in ten weeks from the receipt of injury, the wound was entirely healed; the inflammation had gone, and his appetite and strength were returning. The splint was still kept on until he began to sit up. I saw him again January 28th, 1865.

The knee was swollen considerably on both sides of the patella, which floated loosely. There was no tenderness on pressure. *He could bend the leg nearly to a right angle with the thigh.* He limped but slightly, and had been driving a team in the woods more than a month. I have not seen him since; but during this month his brother informed me that now the wounded limb is nearly as good as the other, and the motion in the joint is nearly as great as in the sound one. His only inconvenience is, that continued exertion and exposure to cold cause pain in the knee.

I attribute the favourable result in this case mainly to the use of Barwell's splint.

Windsor, Nova Scotia, June 19th, 1865.

HOSPITAL REPORTS.

Caries of the heads of the Metacarpal bones of the right hand. Under the care of Dr. Fenwick. Reported by Mr. R. S. Parker.

J. B., aged 25 years, native of Ireland, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital, May 1st, 1865.

He is a man of delicate conformation, scrofulous taint, and has a tendency to phthisis, though there is no apparent disease of the lungs.

The patient belongs to the City Police force; and in July of last year, while in the discharge of his duty, he received a blow from a whip handle on the ulna side of the right hand, which did not, however, prevent his arresting the prisoner, a carter, who thus energetically resisted his authority. The following day the part was swollen and stiff, and he suffered considerable pain of a burning character. On application to the