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was 12 years old and as the patient was not very fond of school he did not remain long but preferred to go to work. It is said, however, that he learned readily and was not defective in this respect. He has worked as a labourer practically all his life, until latterly he has been a foreman in a clay pit. He is said to have been a good steady workman, but of a somewhat irritable disposition. He married at the age of 21 and has had ten children, present ages ranging from 34 to 13. One son died of enteritis while serving in the South African War. One daughter is said to be hysterical, but the others are in good health. Patient came to this country 24 years ago when he was 32 years of age and has followed his occupation as a labourer, until recently he has been a foreman as above stated. He has the usual care and responsibilities incidental to the raising of a large family, but generally speaking his domestic life has been a happy one. The loss of his son in the Boer War and his own intemperate habits were the only occurrences that marred his home life.

When he was 24 years old he received an injury to his knee, and for the pain associated with this trouble he was given his first dose of laudanum. He has been using opium ever since although not regularly or steadily until he came to this country eight years later when for the relief of muscular pains to which he was subject he again resorted to the use of laudanum, and ever since that time the habit has been growing on him. He has, therefore, used opium in some form for the last 32 years, although not steadily until he came to Canada 24 years ago. When he had been in this country but a year or two he began to use the solid extract of opium and this he has used continually in gradually increasing dosage and frequency for the last three years. He has taken on an average of one ounce per week, generally taking it at stated intervals, morning, noon and night. He has never used morphine hypodermically nor alcohol excessively, but has been a rather heavy smoker all his life.

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