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A CASE OF CERVICAL HYPERTROPHIC PACHYME- NINGITIS WITH EXPLORATORY LAMINECTOMY.

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R. P., male, laborer, single, aged 30, was admitted July 30th, 1908, to Dr. McPhedran's service at the Toronto General Hospital, complaining of pain and stiffness in the back of neck, extending across the shoulders and down the arms to the finger-tips; and also of great weakness in the legs.

There is nothing of note in the family history: he was born in Scotland and there worked as a clerk, coming to Canada five years ago. He has worked at odd laboring jobs. About nine years ago he had a soft sore for which he took no internal medication.

Two years ago, while engaged at work that required almost continuous immersion of his hands in cold water and frequently having his feet wet from morning to night, he began to suffer from what he called "rheumatism" in the back of the neck, from which he would be free only for a few days at a time. It was dull in character, "As if I had been hit on the back of the neck with a hammer." It was so severe that during the first year he was laid off work for five weeks. From the first he also had some pain in the small of the back. During this time, he noticed:

First—That his appetite was failing.

Second—That he did not sleep as well.