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MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Case of Encephaloid Cancer of the Axillary Glands, with secondary deposits in all the internal organs.—Under the care of Dr. FENWICK. Reported by JAMES BELL, M.D., Assistant House Surgeon, Montreal General Hospital.

P. B., æt. 43, a large, well-built muscular countryman, of French-Canadian descent, was brought to the Hospital on the 11th of April, 1878. He was in great pain, and stated that he had some sort of a tumour in his right axilla. He was admitted to Dr. Fenwick's wards, but being very ill and suffering a great deal of pain, his history was obtained with difficulty, and is therefore incomplete. None of his family had ever suffered from cancerous disease. He had been a hard drinker, and during the greater part of his life had been engaged in laborious occupations. He was for four years employed in copper mines, and exposed to great hardships. He was then an axe-grinder for five years, in which employment his right arm was constantly wet. During the last eighteen months has been an hotel-keeper. Ten years ago he had a severe attack of acute rheumatism. Three years ago he first noticed severe, shooting pains in the right arm and elbow, and partial paralysis of the arm, but no swelling in any part. About ten months later he regained the use of his arm. He had then no pain nor trouble of any kind in the arm until Oct. 1877, when he was again seized with pain and partial paralysis of the same nature as the previous attack. There was now also pain on pressure along the spines of the lower cervical vertebræ, about the acromion process, and along the axillary border of the scapula, and also in the right infra-clavicular region. The pain was not increased by movement of the arm, and there was no swelling nor visible tumour. It was thought to be a rheumatic affection, and he was treated with iodide of potash, colchicum, and hypodermic injections of morphia to relieve the pain. In the beginning of February, 1878, he noticed a small swelling in the infra-clavicular