

pædic surgeon at Ramsgate Hospital; Col. J. L. Ptter, acting director at Ottawa, who has been visiting England.

In Canada there are annually about 8,000 deaths from cancer. Much could be done to reduce the number by carefully attending to sores on the lips, tongue, in the mouth, moles, small ulcers, etc., on persons over 45 years of age.

The annual meeting of the Women's College Hospital, Toronto, gave evidence of progress. The income for the year was \$12,527, and the expenditures \$12,907, leaving a small deficit of \$380.

Dr. Lewis A. Stimson, of New York, who died suddenly in September, was born at Paterson, New Jersey, in 1844. He graduated in arts at Yale in 1863, and served as a captain in the Union army till the end of the Civil War. He was professor of physiology from 1883 to 1885, of anatomy from 1885 to 1889, and of surgery from 1889 to 1898, in the New York University Medical College. In 1898 he was called to the chair of surgery in the Cornell Medical College, New York City. Dr. Stimson was consulting surgeon to the New York and Bellevue Hospitals, and his name was well known to surgeons throughout the world by his work on operative surgery published in 1900 and his *Treatise on Fractures and Dislocations*, which has gone through eight editions. He was also the author of numerous other contributions to medical literature. He was an enthusiastic yachtsman, and some years ago sailed his own boat in a race across the Atlantic.

The Cuban Red Cross Society is equipping a 100-bed hospital unit, manned by Cuban physicians and nurses, for service on the western front in France. Cuban women prominent in Havana society have set out to raise a fund of \$1,000,000 to finance the unit. It is hoped that the enterprise will reach completion at an early date. Upward of \$100,000 is already in hand.

A correspondent of the *New York Times* calls attention to the possibility of using sphagnum or peat moss as a surgical dressing. Owing to the very limited supply of cotton that the blockade permits to get into the Central Empires, the Germans have been using this substitute on fresh wounds and claim that it absorbs from seven to ten times its own weight in liquid, while cotton absorbs only six times its weight. The moss also dries more quickly than cotton.

Dr. Lachapelle, of Montreal, has been elected president of the Dominion Medical Council. Many congratulations on receiving this high honor. Dr. Lachapelle will duly do honor to the office.

Dr. W. J. Clark, of Toronto, who has been overseas for a year and a half, is home on furlough.