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Original Communications.

FALSE ANEURISM OF THORACIC AORTA, WITH PSOAS HEMATOCELE, DEATH, AUTOPSY.

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F. H., aged 37 years, fisherman, was first admitted to the Prince Edward Island Hospital in August, 1888, having been compelled to leave his employment on account of general ill-health, and especially of pain in the epigastrium, with other symptoms of indigestion. He left the hospital after 3 days, and returned to his home in Nova Scotia. His wife states that, while at home, he complained of pain in the stomach, with water brash and occasional vomiting. After a rest of three weeks he returned to the fishing station on this Island, and pursued his employment for the remainder of the season. Was home again in November, where he remained until March, 1889. During this time his ailment in the stomach was a constant trouble.

During the next thirteen months he was engaged as steward on board of a barque sailing between New York and British ports, and was at home again in April, 1890. Here he informed his wife of his frequent sufferings, while at sea, from pain in the region of the stomach which, he said, at times took all his strength and courage from him. He spent the fishing season of 1890, from May to

October, at Tracadie, P. E. I., reaching home again about the middle of October, having endured a week's exposure to wet and cold, night and day in an open boat. For three or four weeks after this he suffered pain in the back and sides. Feeling better, he undertook work as a carpenter until Christmas. His strength now failed him, and for the next three months he was unable to work, suffering much from constipation, pain in the back and side. In March, 1891, he left home for Halifax, to provide materials for fishing; returned, fixed his nets, planted his potatoes, &c., leaving home again for Tracadie about middle of May. Was again admitted to the P. E. I. Hospital on July 20th, 1891, under the care of Dr. S. K. Jenkins, passing from his to that of Dr. H. D. Johnson for the month of August, and from his to mine on September 1st; Drs. Warburton, Taylor and McLeod, having also since his admission, advised in the case. A short time prior to his admission to the hospital, he had consulted Dr. Jas. Henderson, of Union Road, who in addition to other treatment, had tapped a right hydrocele for him.

The substance of the records made by Drs. Jenkins and H. D. Johnson regarding the case while under their care, is as follows:—On admission patient complained of pain in left lumbar region, generally dull but at times acute, with tenderness on pressure. The pain is described as occasionally following the course of the ureter down to the