

escape paying his bill. On another occasion he had been called some distance to see a patient, and while absent a messenger overtook him to secure his services to see a man still further away, who had met with an accident. Dr. Gross proceeded on his way with as much speed as the path through the woods and a jaded horse would allow. Having reached the log-house of his patient, he found the nature of the injury to the man was such that, to save his life, amputation of the thigh was immediately necessary. - He had positively nothing with him either to amputate, to arrest the hæmorrhage, or unite the flaps. But his skill, courage and ingenuity were equal to the occasion, and the man's life was saved. He obtained a portion of a scythe or sickle, to which, by the aid of a blacksmith, he attached a handle. He then, by means of a thumbscrew—however he got it—manufactured a tourniquet, and made a hook to take up the arteries; finally, with a darning needle and linen thread he prepared to stitch the flaps. Having completed his arrangements—which took some twenty-four hours—he, with scarcely any assistance, accomplished the operation. The instruments made to meet a pressing emergency, were afterwards repeatedly employed to perform surgical operations. For many years the doctor's practice extended east, west, and north some forty and fifty miles, and over most of Prince Edward District; and he found it necessary to keep six horses to visit all his patients. Probably, indeed there is hardly a doubt, Dr. Gross did more hard work, as a practitioner, than any other person in the country, and yet he reached the mature age of eighty-two.

The writer had the pleasure of being a confrere of Dr. Gross for a few months. He was a genial, kind-hearted man, and showed no little ability. He was evidently a bold surgeon. One case we had in consultation, where a large tumour existed in the abdomen, and which a *post mortem* proved to be cancerous disease of the kidney; yet he had strongly advised to make an incision.

The Doctor was very popular and had a deservedly high reputation as a medical man. He was appointed surgeon to the 2nd Regiment Prince Edward Militia, January 18th, 1822. He died in September, 1873, aged 82.