

few exceptions where the Pintsch gas was used, oil was the luminant employed. To the last, though by no means the least, important question asked, the replies showed that all precautions were taken to secure a supply of pure ice and pure drinking water.

Several valuable suggestions are offered in this report as to certain improvements that should be made, and if these are carried out travellers in Canada will enjoy better hygiene in railway carriages than in many public or even private buildings.

### **Tongue-like Accessory Lobes of the Liver---A. McPhedran.**

Accessory lobes of the liver are found in a great variety of shapes and positions, and may lead to error in the diagnosis of abdominal tumours. From the interesting series of cases observed by him, the writer concludes, that their formation seems to be developmental, and not due to pressure, such as tight-lacing, nor to traction of an enlarged gall-bladder. The first case was a woman, aged 42, with well-marked symptoms of neurasthenia, with nervous dyspepsia, and constipation. The abdomen was full and tender in all parts, but especially to the right, below the costal margin, where a tumour-like mass could be felt, and which extended to an inch below the line of the umbilicus. The mass was smooth, semi-elastic and movable, and very tender on manipulation. From behind its lower border, near the inner margin, a secondary rounded mass projected, the whole descending with inspiration. Exploratory incision revealed a broad thin process of liver extending down to the umbilicus, and behind it and adherent to it, lay the right kidney, forming the rounded mass felt projecting from the lower margin. Two other cases were very similar to the first, except that the processes were long and narrow. Other cases were:

A woman who had a history of miscarriage, followed some time afterwards by discharge of a fairly large abscess into the urinary tract. A well-defined mass in the right lumbar region, extending down nearly to the crest of the ilium, led to the diagnosis of an abscess in connection with the right kidney. Operation revealed the mass to be a tongue-like lobe of the liver, behind which lay the right kidney, to all appearance healthy. The situation of the abscess was not ascertained.

A baby, aged 11 months, presented symptoms of gastro-intestinal irritation, vomiting, restlessness, thirst, passing, with a good deal of straining, of small motions of green mucus. Examination revealed an elongated mass in the region of the ascending colon, which was found to be a finger-like lobe of the liver. The child died next day;