

## Rays Are Effective in Incipient Cancer

Toronto M.O.H. Comments Favorably  
On Announcement of Discovery as  
to Removal of Beta Rays.

Dr. Charles Hastings, medical officer of health, was asked by The Star for his opinion of an announcement just made by physicians of the Memorial hospital in New York that by filtering out ninety per cent. of the caustic Beta rays from radium and high voltage X-rays a great improvement in the treatment of cancerous growths on the tongue, lips, face and nose has been effected. Dr. Hastings talked interestingly on the subject, fully endorsing the value of radium in the earlier stages of the disease and explained that the filtering process eliminated the rays that would destroy healthy tissue and at the same time left that which was necessary to destroy the abnormal cells of the cancerous growth.

### Treatment Efficacious.

"In that connection," replied Dr. Hastings to the question asked by The Star, "I think that we certainly have as efficient radiologists as they have in any city on the continent, and they have, I think, as good and up-to-date equipment. There can be little doubt about the wonderful efficacy of radium and X-ray so far as skin cases are concerned, if these cases are submitted while they are still local and before they spread to adjoining glands. There has been a good deal of work done in Toronto so far as the deep X-ray is concerned and with gratifying results. However, in many cases radium or X-ray should go hand in hand with surgical operation, that is, surgical operation should be reinforced by radium or X-ray in many cases which, of course, can be determined only by the surgeon and radiologist at the time. However, I can only say in this connection what I have repeatedly said for the past ten or twelve years at least, the great secret of the control of the ravages of this disease is early treatment. That is, if one has a growth or abnormal condition of the skin or part of the body that is creating a certain amount of discomfort and even though it is not creating discomfort, if it is an abnormal growth, he should consult his physician at once in regard to it. If you have a sore in any part of the body that refuses to heal within a reasonable length of time take no chances, but get competent medical advice and be guided by that advice. Don't pay a physician for his judgment and advice and then use your own judgment. Remember he who treats himself has a fool for his physician. If the case is neglected until it is far advanced and is involving glands in other parts of the body the best one can hope is for the prolongation of life because the condition is very likely to break out again, but if taken early enough in the vast majority of cases, there will be no recurrence. It would obviously be much better to have 99 simple growths treated than to permit one to become an advanced cancerous growth.

### Causes of Cancer.

"What is the cause of cancer?" asked The Star.  
"It is not a matter of cause," replied Dr. Hastings. "It is a matter of causes. There has as yet been no organism discovered that is responsible for cancer. Where they have been discovered at the seat of cancer they may have played some part in aggravating the condition by keeping up irritation inasmuch as it is a well recognized fact that the most potent factor in the contribution to cancer is constant and repeated irritation on the surface or within the body. Here again the secret lies in getting early advice and seeing that this irritation is not sufficiently prolonged to make a simple sore a cancerous growth or cancerous sore because these are within the range of possibility."

"So far as medical science has revealed up to the present there has therefore been no germ that has been responsible for cancerous growths. Consequently cancer is not transmissible. I have failed to find any cases on record where either the physician or the nurse attending a case of cancer has contracted the disease. Nor yet is cancer hereditary, at least so far as medical science and medical research has been able to discover. However, there does seem to be a predisposition to cancer, but these may be simple coincidences. I have known families in which three or four brothers or sisters have died of cancer. These cases included cancer of the face, cancer of the liver and cancer of the stomach, and yet, so far as could be ascertained, there was no history of cancer so far as their parents, grandparents or great grandparents were concerned. And those engaged in the field of research don't base their opinion on the observation of thousands and even tens of thousands. Medical research holds that for the more efficient control of this disease in the light of present-day knowledge our safety lies in the early recognition, an early operation, or treatment by radium or X-ray. Why take a chance?"—Toronto Daily Star.



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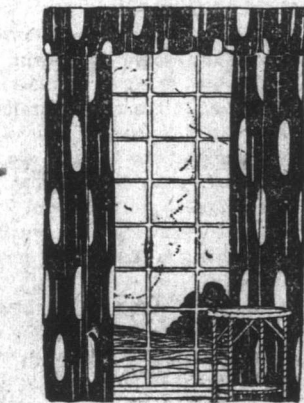
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9 p.m.—  
Studio Programme  
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1. Pianoforte Solo—"Valse in the Flat" (Chopin)—Willie V. McCallum.

2. Baritone Solos (a) "Homage" (Dunn). (c) "Vale" (Russell Kennedy)—E. Clyde Parsons.

3. Reading (a) "Hello" (Sam Walter Foss). (b) "In a Friendly Sort of Way" (Whitcomb Riley)—Mrs. George A. Horton.

4. Violin Solos (a) "Waltz Blues" (b) "Serenade" (Widor)—David Henderson.

5. Baritone Solos (a) "At Night" (Rachmaninoff). (b) "Morning" (Op. 38)—E. Clyde Parsons.

6. Reading (a) "The Bridgekeeper's Story" (W. A. Eaton). (b) "My Wife Rose" (Anon.)—Mrs. George A. Horton.

7. Pianoforte Solos (a) "Guitaria" (Chaminade). (b) "Les Sylphides" (Chaminade)—Willie McCallum.

8. Violin Solo (a) "Souvenir" (Drdla). (b) "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise" (Deltay)—David Henderson.

9. Baritone Solo (a) "Sylvia" (Deltay). (b) "Daddy Boy" (Violin Obligato, David Henderson). (c) "A Rose Jar" (Clyde Parsons).

10. Readings (a) "One Legged Goose" (F. Hopkinson Smith). (b) "The Usual War" (Anon.)—Mrs. George A. Horton.

11. Pianoforte Solo—"Wedding Days" (Grieg)—Willie V. McCallum.

12. Baritone Solo—Popular Melody Selected—E. Clyde Parsons.

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