

TORONTO HOSPITAL REPORTS.

Typhoid fever has been very prevalent in Toronto for the past two months, and there are at present about twenty patients in the fever ward of the Toronto General Hospital. The proportion of deaths has been exceedingly small. The disease presents no peculiar features, except that in some cases the symptoms usually observed have not been all present; for instance, in many cases there has been no diarrhoea, but on the contrary obstinate constipation, and these cases have not been the mildest either, as some deaths have occurred amongst this class of patients. The treatment has been chiefly quinine, in grain doses every four hours, and the mineral acids; hydrate of chloral has been used in some cases to quiet the delirium and procure sleep, and it has succeeded on the whole pretty well. The diet has been of the most nutritious kind—milk, eggs and beef tea—with stimulants when necessary.

A man named James Sheriff was admitted to the Hospital, suffering from the effects of a narcotic poison. He was supposed to have taken about 2½ oz of laudanum. He was brought to the Hospital by Dr. Lazarus, and was placed under the care of Dr. Canniff, a member of the staff. The stomach pump was at once used, and the stomach thoroughly emptied. A good deal of the laudanum had been absorbed, however, before the stomach pump was used, and it was thought that the patient could not be brought through, but at last accounts he is recovering slowly.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT—A man named Cuzner, aged 34, employed on the Grand Trunk Railway, was admitted to the surgical ward, suffering from a very severe injury, caused by being run over by a locomotive. His left arm was nearly severed from his body at the shoulder, his face badly bruised, the scalp torn from his forehead, and a large fissure in the occipital bone. He was placed under the care of Dr. Canniff, who amputated his arm and dressed his wounds. Notwithstanding the serious nature of his injuries, which the majority of the surgeons present thought would prove fatal, he is doing very well.—*Com.*