

CANADA

MEDICAL JOURNAL.

1864

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Ligature of the External Iliac for Aneurism of the Common Femoral. By
G. W. CAMPBELL, M.D., Professor of Surgery, &c., &c., McGill
College. Reported by DR. DRAKE, House Surgeon Montreal General
Hospital.

Louis Foisy, aged 25, a storeman, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital, 28 March, 1864, under Dr. G. W. Campbell, complaining of a tumor in the left inguinal region. He is of thin spare habit, sallow complexion, and extremely anxious and irritable. Has always enjoyed good health, with exception of a venereal ulcer which he contracted six or seven years ago, and which was attended with enlargement of the glands of the left groin. He had no internal treatment of any kind, and never had any secondary affection. Six or seven months ago he first noticed a very hard swelling in the left groin—not painful unless after walking a good deal. The tumor felt about as long and as broad as his little finger, the long axis being directed obliquely across the thigh. It was painful on pressure, but he was not conscious of any pulsation. It increased in size very slowly till about three weeks ago when a very sudden change took place in the symptoms. He had been skating one evening for three or four hours, went to bed well, and on awaking next morning found the tumor so painful as to compel him to keep his bed with the thigh constantly flexed on the abdomen.

The pain was of a burning, darting character. From this date it grew rapidly to its present dimensions.

On examination a hard, well-defined, pulsating tumor of an oval form can be seen and felt in the left groin. The tumor measures four inches by two and a half, the long diameter directed obliquely upwards and outwards, and the shorter extending from about three fourths of an