

one of the owners, and personally, in presence of a witness, on the captain, as the ship was on the eve of sailing, to the effect that he would not attend gratuitously on the passengers and crew. No notice was taken of this, and the vessel proceeded to sea. On arrival at Calcutta, the Surgeon applied to the Captain, and also to the agents of the ship for payment of £6 per month, for his attendance on the Captain himself, as well as on the passengers and crew, but his claim was unceremoniously refused. An application to the Messrs. Allan themselves, was equally unsuccessful. At length the medical officer came home from India, and on the Messrs. Allan still refusing to recognise his claim, it was placed in the hands of an Attorney, the result of which was that they had to pay the debt and all the costs incurred. This case is recorded to make medical officers generally aware of their rights; their services being too often unceremoniously filched from them under like circumstances.—*Lancet*.

*Right of Physicians to Recover fees.*—It was formerly held that physicians, practising purely as such, could not recover fees in a Court of Justice. This is now altered, as the new Medical Act of England gives them the power, as was lately proved in Liverpool in the case of Gray vs. Robinson, in which the plaintiff, a practising physician, recovered an account of £15 for professional services.

*A centenarian.*—There lately died at Lancaster, Glengary, on the 27th January, Mary ———, widow of the late Ewen Roy McDonald, aged 100 years and fifty-three days. This venerable woman emigrated to Canada in the year 1786, from Knoidart, in the North of Scotland, and has lived on the lot on which she died for the past 70 years. Her memory of early events was most remarkable, and continued unimpaired until a short time before her death. She leaves behind her, in Glengary, but two or three others, who were near her own age, of all the 500 souls who came in the ship *McDonald*, in that year, to Quebec.

*Exhibitions of strength.*—Dr. Winship, the celebrated Massachusetts athlete, who was asserted to be the strongest man in the world, and lately lectured in this city, giving at the same time exhibitions of his powers, has met a superior in the person of one William Thompson, who is connected with the Chicago Gymnasium. A test of strength was lately made in that city at a gymnastic tournament, at which Dr. Winship performed his great muscular feat of lifting 9 kegs of nails weighing 1000 pounds, and raising with the aid of harness on his shoulders 1517 pounds. He was succeeded by Thompson, who, commencing with the last lift of the doctor, then went on adding other weights, and lifting with harness on his shoulders and hips, until the numbers stood successively 1536, 1636, 1736, 1836, 1936, 2036, and 2136 pounds. He also experimented with dumb bells weighing 100 and 105 pounds. Another competing gymnast, named Curtis "pushed" first 130 pounds, and then 150 pounds in each hand with the pulley, and lying down upon his back, put up 110 pounds in each hand.

*Handsome Fee.*—A London physician recently received a fee of £5,000.

*Gas and Oil.*—The cheapness of gas as compared with other modes of procuring artificial light, may be seen from the following table:—It must be borne in mind that this table is made for the English market, showing as it does, at what a low rate gas can be manufactured, and still pay fair dividends. According to this table, gas is afforded at the low sum of one dollar per thousand cubic feet in the city, and one dollar and twenty-five cents in the suburbs. Gas from cannel coal being much better than that made from ordinary coal, containing, as it does, more body, a higher rate is charged for the gas. The price received for this quality of gas is one dollar and fifty cents, or six English shillings. The machinery for the manufacturing gas in England is far superior to any in this country, and they also make a saving of nearly twenty per cent. on their method of washing or purifying the gas. This table has been computed with great care, merely altering the prices of gas to the rate as afforded at the present time:—