

## **Society Proceedings.**

### **MONTREAL MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.**

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#### **Rodent Ulcer Treated by X-Rays.**

DR. GIRDWOOD showed a young woman whom he had been treating for rodent ulcer, extending from the inner angle of the right eye to the edge of the cheek. The disease, when first seen, showed much induration with raised rounded edges of a bluish colour; and several portions gave evidence of extending growth by the presence of several recent nodules glistening through the skin outside the margin of the ulcer. For three weeks she had been treated with what is known as high currency, with but little improvement. Then, after a week in the country she had been subjected to 43 treatments with X-rays for ten minutes each time. The thickening began to disappear and has continued to do so, the ulcer commencing to heal from the inner side. After a week's interval, during which the improvement continued, she again had two weeks of treatment, then another week's interval, followed by a week of treatment, and finally, two weeks interval and three days treatment. There was still some thickening to be removed, but the improvement gave hope of a cure. The tube used was of the "hard" variety, excited by a current of about 100 volts and 4 amperes.

#### **A Case of Addison's Disease followed by Death.**

DR. F. G. FINLEY gave the following history of the case:—The patient was a young man of 24, admitted to the Montreal General Hospital for an abscess of the back which was opened. This had been present for twelve months, and during the last seven months he had had to give up work on account of muscular weakness. When first seen, a few hours before he died, he presented all the typical features of Addison's disease. There was an extremely deeply-bronzed skin, most marked about the feet and lower part of the legs. The buttocks and genitals were very dark, almost black, as were the axillæ. A few pigment spots were seen on the mucous membrane of the mouth, gums, and inner lining of the cheeks, and two or three moles present on the body were quite black. There was little vomit-