

Society Reports.

Toronto Medical Society.

THE regular weekly meeting of this society was held in the library of the Council Buildings, November 6th, 1896. W. J. WILSON presided.

Cæsarian Section.—Dr. J. F. W. Ross presented a fœtus removed by cæsarian section. This was his first experience with this operation. The patient was a woman whom he had seen in consultation after a miscarriage for a fibroid tumor. She became pregnant again. He, being consulted, advised the induction of premature labor. This was tried by rupture of the membranes and packing the outlet with iodoform gauze. But this did not bring on labor. Consulted some time after by the woman, he learned that she had not been delivered, and advised that it be tried again, and that she be prepared to undergo the more serious operation of abdominal section if the symptoms called for it. This was agreed to. Labor, however, could not be induced although the bougie was left in three days. She was allowed up, when suddenly the waters broke and labor set in. Severe hæmorrhage came on, due to a low-set placenta. It was decided to deliver from the front, as the pains were ineffectual. The ovaries and tubes were removed first. An incision was then made in the anterior wall through which the fœtus and the placenta were removed. The uterus looked greyish and sloughy. The fœtus was macerated. The uterus being septic it was not thought wise to put the sutures too close to the mucous membrane. The edges of the organ were approximated with interrupted silk ligatures. The abdominal wound was closed in the usual way. Forty-eight hours after some apprehension was felt as the patient complained of a great deal of pain in the right side under the liver, and the pulse ran up to 120. There was also some distension. But after free purgation these symptoms passed off and the patient is now, eight days after, convalescing satisfactorily.

Uterine Fibroid.—Dr. Ross presented a second specimen, a fibroid. Its surface was raw by erosion from friction. The history of the case was given and the technique of operation described.

Extra-Uterine Pregnancy.—A third specimen was presented by Dr. Ross; it was that of an unruptured extra-uterine pregnancy. There had been a little oozing of blood from the fimbria.