

with a porous condition of the head and neck of this bone. This must have rendered locomotion extremely painful and even impossible, unless with the assistance of a crutch or a stick, which would enable the individual to throw the greater part of his weight forward.

Search was made, and a stick, much worn on one side at its lower end, and with a cross-piece at its upper end, so as to use both hands in moving along, was found, under the same depth of leaves, at a few yards' distance from the skeleton.

From the above circumstances, I came to the following conclusions :

That these were the remains of a man, probably an emigrant, a Roman Catholic, between 30 and 35 years of age ; in height, when living, 5 feet 10 inches ; light hair ; blue eyes ; most likely thin and emaciated ; no doubt in distressed pecuniary circumstances, who smoked, and who must have suffered from diseased hip-joint for at least a year before his death ; who was very lame, and who must have walked miserably supported by means of a stick which he used with both hands, moving it *before him*, not on one side ; that he must have died at least two years before, most probably from starvation, or if in winter, frozen to death on the spot where the remains were found.

One of the jurymen, after hearing the above declaration, recollected that about three years before, a man answering to the description had lived for some time a few miles off in another settlement, and that a widow woman, at whose house he had lived, might possibly throw some light as to the identity of the individual. She was sent for, and recognised the *house-wife* as the one she had made and fitted up, and that the description answered perfectly as to age, size, previous state of health and condition of a man named Fergus Kelly, who had lived, in 1843, for some months at her house, in great suffering, and had left it late in the autumn to endeavor to obtain admission in the Quebec Marine Hospital, and not having since been heard of, was supposed to have died there.

The verdict was, " That the remains were those of Fergus Kelly, who came to his death in the forest, not from any violence offered to his person, but probably from exhaustion, in consequence of his incapacity to reach the habitations in the neighborhood of the spot where his remains were found."

ART. XXXVIII — *Case of Ovarian Dropsy, simulating Pregnancy.* By F. D. Gilbert, M.R.C.S.L., &c., Hatley.

April 21st, 1853, I was sent for to attend Mrs. Thos. Burns, about 24 years of age, residing some 14 or 15 miles distant, but owing to previous engagements I could not attend. On the 22nd another messenger arrived, stating that Dr. ——— (a party who practices in midwifery and