

Proceedings of Societies.

MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

A regular meeting of the Society was held June 11th, 1880, the President in the chair.

Dr. Hingston brought to the notice of the Society a patient from the Hotel Dieu Hospital, presenting an unusual skin disease. On first appearance Dr. Hingston thought it case of syphilis, but on further consideration defined it as a case of epithelioma. The patient first suffered with intolerable itching, which caused him to scratch himself very frequently. This was followed by a patch of the disease on the leg. It then in succession developed itself on the other extremities, and on the body. The sores are for the most part circular, and everted with dense unyielding edges, except in one case. Some of them are $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. The man is married, and has had nine children, all of whom are healthy. He denies ever having had syphilis.

Dr. Roddick said he had seen a case under Mr. Hutchinson, in London, where, from a mistake, a patient had taken for some time a large quantity of iodide of potassium, followed by a skin affection very similar in appearance to the one exhibited. Dr. Roddick considered this to be a case of undoubted syphilis, and reasoned from the basis that possibly this man had contracted the disease from one of his sons.

Dr. Osler thought it looked more like a rare case of multiple Sarcoma.

The President said this was the first time he had ever seen such a case, but the everted and dense unyielding edge is that of cutaneous cancer. The glands are hypertrophied, but elastic. He felt there was yet much to learn of this case.

Dr. Osler presented as pathological specimens—1st, a miner's lung, being the third case he had met in the autopsy room of the General Hospital during the past three years. The second case was one of umbilical hernia.

Dr. Smith exhibited the brain of a seaman who had died suddenly after a few days' illness. A large hæmorrhage was seen at the base of the brain. This man had had syphilis.