

his feelings for the sad end of his late colleague. He remained in the room but a few minutes. Hon. Peter Mitchell also entered late, and remained but a short time. Besides the above, other prominent citizens attended.

Fatty tumor with bone like degeneration—Removal. By JOSEPH M. DRAKE, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine University of McGill College. (Illustrated by a photograph.)

Denis Laberge æt 42, and unmarried, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital on the 20th August 1868, having a large tumour hanging from the left inguinal region.

History.—Has always enjoyed good health although at one time used liquor to excess. Has always worked in lumbering shanties, where he had frequently to undergo great hardships. Eight years ago, while at work loosening logs that had become jammed at the head of a rapid, a heavy plank fell against him, the end striking him in the groin. He was confined to bed for a week and suffered a great deal of pain; about a month after this accident noticed for the first time a slight swelling in the inguinal region. It was soft and about the size of a hens egg. It gradually increased for about two years, when it reached its present size. Has not grown any for the last six years; after a hard days work jumping from log to log it was very painful, but at other times suffered no inconvenience beyond that caused by its weight.

Present condition.—The tumor is estimated to weigh about six pounds; it measures 16 inches in circumference, $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches from its point of attachment to its pendant extremity. It has all the characters of a fatty tumor, but on the interior can be felt a hard lobulated mass. The skin covering it is not thickened but is marked with scars which he says, were caused by his striking the tumor against obstacles, when he was at work in the water. Its attachment appears at first sight to be only skin, but a closer examination reveals about the centre a distinct hard cord leading from under Poupart's ligament, to the hard lobulated mass.

Operation.—On the 22nd of August 1868, Dr. Drake removed the tumor without difficulty. No vessels of any consequence were found to be feeding it. On the tumor being opened the hard lobulated mass was found to be osseous in character, the whole mass being about the size of an average sized man's closed fist. This structure presented all the external appearance of bone, showing that the centre of the tumor had undergone osseous degeneration, an event of exceedingly rare occurrence. The remainder consisted of lobules of fat, here and there shewing patches