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CASE OF EPITHELIOMA OF TONGUE;

Excision of the entire organ by Galvanic Ecraseur. Followed by deep suppuration and Death.

UNDER DR. ROSS. REPORTED BY MR. JOHN BRODIE.

(Read before the Medico-Chirurgical Society, Montreal.)

J. L., æt. 36, single, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital on the 20th October, 1876, complaining of a sore on his tongue. Is a slim, slight-built man, 5 feet 6½ in. in height; weight 120 lbs. Born in Scotland, came to this city 18 months ago and has been employed as storeman in a wholesale stationer's establishment. Parents are both alive and healthy, also several brothers and sisters. Carefully enquired into, his family history shows no trace of either tubercular or cancerous taint. He has never had syphilis. Is of very regular habits, and has always been healthy. Smokes considerably and generally uses a short clay pipe.

His present trouble began seven months ago as a hard pimple with a double crown on the upper margin of the right side of the tongue about opposite the second molar tooth. This gradually increased without pain until about four months ago, when it began to get painful, with pains occasionally shooting from the pimple towards the angle of the jaw. About this time an ulcer formed on the under surface of the tongue a little further back