

disease, precluded the possibility of the disease being here due to traumatism.

Dr. George A. Peters discussed the case from the other standpoint, and showed how a lawyer might be able to pin the medical expert down to a traumatism as a cause of the condition present.

Dr. Nattress, the medical referee of the insurance company, gave the precise dates of the injury, medical attendance, operation and death. He also stated that a provincial physician had diagnosed the man's condition as one of cancer of the liver months before the supposed injury.

Dr. Theo. Coleman, who had charge of the medical evidence for the prosecuting attorney, here read general observations upon the origin of cancer and the present-day theories of the cause of the disease.

The result of the case was a non suit.

Vote of thanks: Dr. George A. Peters moved, seconded by Dr. Herbert Bruce, that the retiring president be accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his efficient services during the past year.

Dr. W. Britton, in the chair, presented this to Dr. Bingham, who made a suitable reply in acknowledgment.

One of the most successful years in the history of the Society closed with the usual refreshments.

GEORGE ELLIOTT,

Recording Secretary.

HAMILTON MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Medical Society was held at the Royal Hotel on April 4th, at 9 p.m.

Members present: Dr. White, chairman; Drs. Baugh, Cockburn, W. J. Langrill, Crawford, Dickson, McEdwards, McGillivray, Inksetter, Gibson, Gillrie, R. W. White, Wallace, McNichol, Kittson, Dillabaugh, Mullin, Morton, O'Reiley.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. O'Reiley presented two cases from practice: Case 1. Compound fracture of patella: 3,000 lbs. of iron fell on leg and broke patella into several fragments. Under an anesthetic they were united by wire sutures. When removed on the fourteenth day suppuration was found in joint; continuous irrigation with plain, sterilized water, and piece of necrosed bone afterwards removed; patient made good recovery.

Case 2. Fracture of tibia and fibula, both high up; union was delayed, finally good result. Dr. Dickson, in Case 1, thought a sterile suture was necessary. In his experience, the