

PRO-PERITONEAL AND OTHER INTERNAL HERNIAE.*

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It is not my intention in this short paper to go into the whole subject of Internal Hernia in all its forms, but merely to report three cases that have come under my observation presenting symptoms of intestinal obstruction.

The first was that of a male, age 40, who was admitted to the General Hospital on December 2nd, 1905, under the care of the late Dr. George A. Peters, with the following history: In the fall of 1904, at Huntsville, the patient had his first attack. It commenced with pain, chiefly in right iliac region, persisted for three days and was very severe. He would neither eat nor drink, had no bowel movement but no vomiting. Enemata relieved the condition.

The second attack was at Waubaushene in April, 1905, quite similar to the previous attack, lasting three days, with pain, loss of appetite, but no vomiting. Again he was relieved by enemata. The condition was thought possibly to have been appendicitis. In each attack, when relief came, it came suddenly.

The third attack, almost a month before admission, lasted four days, with similar symptoms but with vomiting in addition, although this was not fecal in character. He was treated by Dr. J. A. Harvie, of Coldwater, with enemata, and recovered.

The fourth and present attack occurred while patient was working at railway construction on the C.P.R., and commenced similarly to the others, but was not relieved by similar treatment. It began on November 28th with pain in the abdomen in the right iliac region and constipation. He consulted Dr. J. A. Harvie, who gave him a purge and ordered hot applications to the abdomen. This was not effectual and next day he began to vomit. The vomited material was white and slimy, but pain was not a marked feature. On November 30th the doctor gave him an enema, which was ineffectual, and on December 1st he started to hiccough and this continued until he entered the hospital on December 2nd. The patient

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