

MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

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DR. WM. GARDNER, 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

Case of Multiple Capillary Hemorrhages and Fatty Degeneration of the Pancreas.—DR. LAFLEUR exhibited a pancreas which was uniformly enlarged to more than twice the natural size, of a dark reddish-black color externally, firm on section, and of an almost uniform dark red, mottled here and there by greyish patches which resembled normal parenchyma of the organ. A thin section of the organ showed that the general dark color was due to numerous close-set capillary hemorrhages separated one from another by greyish translucent material. Microscopic examination confirmed the nature of the change, the hemorrhagic portions appearing of a brownish-red color, and and presenting a peculiar fissured appearance (probably due to freezing of specimen in process of making sections); in addition there was universal fatty degeneration of tubules and acini. The cellular tissue around the pancreas was blood-stained, but beyond this and a great excess of fat in the omentum, mesentery, and cellular tissue generally, there was no evidence of disease in any of the other organs. There was no peritonitis.

DR. GEO. ROSS stated that the patient was a man of about fifty years, who gave a history of having suffered from some obscure dyspeptic symptoms for several years. These consisted chiefly in paroxysmal pains in the abdomen, lasting from half an hour to six hours. He saw the patient only twenty-four hours before death, and found him suffering from severe pain in the epigastrium and vomiting. He had many of the symptoms of general peritonitis. The attack had come on suddenly, only seventy-two hours before he was seen. He had a rapid, weak pulse, showed signs of collapse, and rapidly sank.

Extirpation of the Uterus by the Vaginal Method.—DR. WM. GARDNER exhibited a uterus, removed for malignant disease by the vaginal method. The case presented several features of unusual interest. The patient, unmarried, aged 43, had suffered