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GRAND TRUNK SCHEDULE OF SURGICAL CHARGES.

We are in receipt of several letters from surgeons along the line of the Grand Trunk Railway, complaining that the tariff, which has been drawn up by the Medical Referee of the Company for their guidance, is, in the language of one of the correspondents, "absurdly low." The schedule, which we have been requested to publish, speaks for itself. It puzzles us to know how men with their eyes open can be induced to sign such a tariff, with the understanding that they are to adhere to it. They must either be ignorant of the work before them, or their surgery must be very much of the "trust to luck" variety. To take one item from the schedule—imagine a man performing Syme's amputation, and giving it the after-attention which such an operation demands—all for twenty dollars. Some one has got to suffer, but what odds, says the medical referee, so long as the interests of the Company are secured. We sympathize very much with those surgeons who feel that they cannot conscientiously sign such a tariff, and whose accounts are in consequence subjected to mutilation often beyond all reason.

G. T. R. SCHEDULE OF SURGICAL CHARGES.

Day visit.....	\$1.00
Night visit.....	2.00
Office consultation.....	50
Dressing hand or foot first time during day.....	1.00
" " " " night.....	2.00
Subsequent dressings.....	50