

had already, a very short time previously, been anæsthetized for the purpose of incising the breast, and although a similar agent (but containing somewhat more turpentine) was made use of, no bad effects were observed. On this occasion, however, after inhaling for a few minutes only, the quantity first administered, there occurred sudden spasm, pallor, difficulty of breathing, and cessation of pulse. Every effort was instantly made and persisted in by Dr. Kittson, the attending physician, and Dr. Mills, the resident surgeon, to restore animation, but in vain. The *post-mortem* examination failed to reveal any organic lesion, and the following verdict was rendered by the coroner's jury: "That Catharine Donahue came to her death on the 3rd June, 1880, from chloroform administered in the Hamilton City Hospital, and it appears to this jury that the chloroform was administered in a proper manner, and her death could not have been foreseen, and no blame can be attached to any one."

NEW DISPENSARY.—A general dispensary, free to all, has been opened on Wellington street, for the accommodation of the increasing population of Point St. Charles. It has been properly organized, with G. T. Drummond, Esq., as President, and will no doubt command a fair share of public support. The following gentlemen have been nominated as medical officers: *Consulting Physicians*—Drs. Hingston, Craik, and E. H. Trudel. *Attending Staff*—Drs. T. A. Rodger, T. J. Alloway, M. M. Seymour, and J. J. Guerin.

TYPHOID FEVER.—The last number of this *Journal* contained a report of the proceedings of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, in which mention is made of a case of Typhoid Fever at the St. Lawrence Hall some months ago. We understand that the above statement is being used to injure the reputation of this Hotel. This is manifestly unfair. The case alluded to occurred in October last. The disease was not shown to have communicated itself to others, and, as far as we know, the establishment has since been perfectly free from fever of any kind. As we became the medium of spreading the report, we willingly take the earliest opportunity of making this explanation. We have no hesitation in saying that the sanitary condition and general healthfulness of the St. Lawrence Hall will compare favorably with that of any other hotel in this city.