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Cancer of the Prostate.

I desire to thank you, the President and the Committee of Arrangements of the Canadian Medical Association, for the great honour they have done me in extending me an invitation to deliver the address in Surgery before this meeting. When I received your very kind invitation, Mr. President, I accepted it with a deep sense of the responsibility which such acceptance entailed upon me,—a feeling which has not diminished as the time has approached for the fulfilment of my undertaking.

However, I shall not weary you with apologies or excuses, but will endeavour to direct your attention to a subject which has been brought very prominently before my attention and the attention of many other surgeons during the last few years—I refer to cancer of the prostate.

To one who has been engaged in surgical work for a quarter of a century or more, a retrospective glance at the achievements which have followed Lister's epoch-making discoveries is calculated to inspire the greatest optimism in the consideration of surgical questions, no matter how difficult they may seem to be. When one passes in review the difficult problems which have already been satisfactorily solved: the triumph over the infective micro-organisms by which all the cavities and organs of the body have been brought under the control of the surgeon, the growth of exact knowledge and scientific methods, the development of diagnostic skill and operative technique; one cannot but look hopefully and confidently for the solution of any surgical problem which presents