

well, though for some time pus continued to burrow up the leg, which had to be freely incised. By the beginning of September the foot was doing well.

Early in October he commenced to move about on crutches, and could put his toes to the ground. He was discharged on Oct. 10th with all the wounds healed with the exception of an ulcer on the heel the size of a 25-cent piece.

I saw the patient in January 1887. He had a suitable boot made, and could walk about and attend to his business comfortably. The ulcer on the heel had completely closed. There was about two inches of shortening.*

CASE II—Dislocation with Fracture of the Left Astragalus and Compound Comminuted Fracture of Right Tibia and Fibula.—J. C., aged 22, brakeman, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital August 8th, 1886, suffering from severe injuries to both legs. He gave the following account of the accident. Whilst “braking” on a freight train, which was going at the rate of between 30 and 40 miles an hour, patient was standing on the top of the last car; the train swept round a curve and threw him off his balance, so to save himself he jumped and landed on his feet. He was picked up and taken to a doctor, who applied temporary dressings to his injured legs and sent him into Montreal to hospital, where he came under my care.

On entrance his condition, taken from the case report by the house surgeon, Dr. Birkett, was as follows: “Upon the right leg, opposite the upper portion of lower third of tibia, a transverse, irregular wound is seen, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, communicating with fractured bone. On examining still further the tibia is found to be splintered into several pieces, whilst the fibula is fractured about its middle third. Pulsations felt both in dorsalis pedis and posterior tibial arteries. Considerable amount of oozing from the wound. On examining the left leg it is found to be much swollen, very painful and tender. The foot is strongly

* This patient was presented to the meeting of the Canadian Medical Association, in Montreal, September 1891, and at that time had a most useful foot, and could walk with very slight limp.