

that will be proposed will be the making of the Society an educational body and the appointment of a committee to secure information with regard to the teeth of our aboriginal Indians, before civilization will have advanced so far upon them to effect any change. So far, my experience with the Indians and half-breeds has been somewhat limited, and to make it unlimited would be anything but pleasant, for they have frightfully dirty mouths. To clean their teeth, of course, is a thing they never do. As a general thing the jaw of the Indian is massive, the alveolar process being of extreme thickness and strength; and that the structure of their teeth is better and stronger than that of the white man I am thoroughly convinced. I myself have never seen a pure Indian with a decayed tooth, and in this I am supported by Dr. Dodd, of the Mounted Police here, who has spent five years amongst them; and he asserts that in the five years he has never seen a pure Indian, living in Indian style, that had a decayed tooth, but he does assert that he has lanced "gum boils" (Medical parlance) for them; so that I would infer that the Indians are also subject, to some extent, to the same trouble as I have already referred to as existing amongst our white population here, viz.: death of the pulp without any corresponding lesion.

I have extracted only a couple of teeth for half-breeds, but I must say this division of the family have not by any means the teeth that their aboriginal predecessors had. The half-breed teeth are not good, but occasionally very bad, and especially where their surroundings are anything respectable.

One young lady, a half-breed, who had been reared the greater part of her life in one of Regina's best homes, enjoying, I presume, all the luxuries of civilized life, has teeth that are presenting every appearance of decay in at least a dozen different places, while some of them have already gone so far that nothing but the outer shell of enamel is left. One of these I had the pleasure of filling, although she came to me to have it extracted. Seeing a good opportunity for experiment, I cleansed the tooth thoroughly, and found a perfectly healthy and live pulp entirely exposed. I did not resort to either arsenic or capping, but mixed my amalgam and inserted right on top of the pulp. She gave signs two or three times during the process of being hurt, for I pressed it down pretty hard, but she went away with it perfectly easy, and no further