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1876 - 1878

His 1876 account-book has few entries: an occasional house visit on patients referred by Dr. Howard, and consultations few and far between. He was still in his small room in Padegoude Street at a rent of \$10 a month and boarding at 47 Durocher Street at another \$10 a month. His income for the year, of \$1178, including his professional salary, tells its own story.

In February of this year he gave as the Somerville Lecture
before the Natural History Society, "On Animal Parasites in
Their Relation to Public Health,"* which indicates two other

"Canadian Journal of Medical Science, 1876, i,
134 et seq.

sources of his activity in Montreal: his naturalistic and his public health relationships. It also points out his accumulative method of assembling material for the purpose of publication for the subject on which he chiefly dwelt, namely the infection from trichins, as has been seen, dates back to notes

and experiments made while a student in the dissecting-room in

Toronto. / In an 1873 note-book he had jotted down:

"So far as I can learn only four or five cases of Trichinosis have occurred in this country [Canada], one in Montreal, three in Hamilton, and two cases in which I discovered them post-mortem in Toronto. Others may and probably have occurred, but have been mistaken for something else."

The disease at this time was little known in spite of

Owen's and of Paget's early descriptions of the lesion. In

his paper he reviews his own Experiences along and records the formal on derents to which deference the formal on derents to which deference has abrudy been made.

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It is interesting to find him at this early time beginning

to write letters to the papers expressing his approval or dis-

approval of their course. It is not to be thought for a moment

that, in view of this benevolent disposition, he was any more

free than others from waves of indignation and there was no-

thing of what Carlyle would call 'mealy-mouthed' about him.

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Thore had been some advertising quacks utilizing the columns for their much one standard in Ortania and Red July Jermeline

profugand of the Teronto "Globe", and it was like Osler to sit down

promptly, an seeing an editorial on the subject to write

a note in support of the editor's position.

"Lack of Professional Esprit-de-Corps."

To the Editor of the Canada Lancet.

Sir, - It is a matter of surprise and regret to me to see

medical men writing to the "Globe" on medical subjects. The

action of the "Globe" towards the profession has been such

that I and many others have written to the manager, withdrawing

our names from the list of subscribers, and stating our reasons.

I fail to understand how men can quietly pocket the insulting

epithets and remarks lately made by the "Globe" in regard to

the profession, and signify their friendly appreciation and support by discussing medical matters in its columns.

I was very much pleased to see a letter on this same subject in the December number of your journal.

Yours, &c,,

W. O.*

*Canada Lancet, Mar. 1, 1876, viii, 221.