

THE CANADIAN ANAESTHETISTS' SOCIETY



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The President's Page

It is a great pleasure to welcome Dr. Harry Robinson of Toronto to the editorship of our News Letter. Dr. Robinson, in voluntarily taking on this position, will relieve our Secretary of just that extra amount of work which is liable to overcrowd a good secretary.

On Saturday 20th January last your President and Secretary met with the Manager of the Manoir Richelieu and the Convention Manager of the Canada Steamship Lines to make final arrangements for our Annual Meeting in June. I can assure you that we are going to have a meeting which looks better and more colourful than last years', if that is possible.

It has been brought to my attention that members of the profession in some of Specialties are dropping their memberships in the Provincial and Canadian Medical Associations because they feel membership in the specialist society is sufficient. I do not agree with this idea at all because it is only through a strong organization representing all the Medical profession that we can face up to the various governments and other agencies which are liable to attempt action inimical to our interests. Members are reminded that our Constitution (Section 3) makes membership in the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society conditional on membership in the Canadian Medical Association, L'Association des Medecins de la Langue francaise de l'Amerique du Nord, or of a local or provincial Medical Society approved by the Council of the Society.

S. M. Campbell,
President.

From The Secretary's Office

ANNUAL MEETING

Arrangements are going forward for the Meeting of the Society at the Manoir Richelieu, Murray Bay, Quebec, on 25-26-27 June 1951. This is your meeting, and now is the time to make your plans to attend. Details of arrangements will be forwarded to each member in the near future. The programme committee must complete its work before the meeting of Council on February 25th, so if you have a paper to present at this meeting, please advise the Secretary immediately. It is to be hoped that the programme will have representation from every division.

COUNCIL MEETING

The annual mid-winter meeting of Council of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society will be held at the Medical Arts Building, Toronto, Ontario, at 10.00 A.M. on 25 February 1951.

LABELLING OF MEDICAL GAS CYLINDERS

The Council of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society in February 1950 adopted a colour code for the marking of gases used in Anaesthesia, and instructed the Secretary to request that this code be made legal through a Regulation under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act of Canada, and that the Gas Manufacturers be asked directly to conform to this code. Negotiations in this matter culminated in a meet-

ing convened by Mr. R.D. Whitmore, Chief of Inspection Services, Food and Drugs Division, Department of National Health and Welfare, and held at the Departmental Laboratories in Ottawa on 10 Jan. 51. This meeting was attended by representatives of the Compressed Gas Association of Canada, The National Research Council, The Canadian Government Specifications Board, The Armed Forces (Medical Services), and The Canadian Anaesthetists' Society. As a result of this meeting it appears certain that the labelling of Medical Gas Cylinders will be made the subject of a Regulation under the Food and Drugs Act, although some details relating to colour code and methods of labelling remain to be worked out. When it is adopted we may be assured that the colour code will be one which can not be confused in any illumination except by the rarest type of colour-blind individuals (about 1/1,000,000) and that the labelling of cylinders will be obvious to all but the blind. Moreover, it is probable that the colour code and labelling adopted will be an agreed International Standard.

INFORMATION - THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF CANADA

All enquiries concerning the requirements and examinations for Certification and Fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada should be addressed to:

The Honorary Secretary,
The Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of
150 Metcalfe Street, Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

NEWS LETTER

A number of members of the Society were so kind as to express their approval of the first issue of the News Letter in letters to the Secretary. This was greatly appreciated. We would remind the members, however, that the continued success of this publication depends on an adequate reporting of events of interest, both by Divisions and individual members.

News Items of Interest

Symposia of the Diploma Course in Anaesthesia at McGill University are given at meetings held each Monday evening at the Ciba Building, 1235 McGill College Avenue, Montreal, at 7.30 p.m.

A meeting of the Niagara District Society of Anaesthetists was held at the home of Dr. Alan Brown in St. Catharines on November 10th, 1950. Dr. Brown gave a review of interesting papers read at the recent Congress of Anaesthetists at Miami, Florida.

The Section on Anaesthesia of the London Academy of Medicine held a meeting on January 10th, 1951. A large number were present to hear Dr. H.T. Norry give a review of a recent paper read by Dr. John Gillies of Edinburgh on "High Spinal Block". An animated discussion followed this review.

The Officers of the Section on Anaesthesia of the London Academy of Medicine for the year 1951 are:- Chairman; Dr. W.S. Johnston. Vice-Chairman; Dr. H.T. Norry. Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. Helen Rossiter.

Dr. R.A. Chaplin completed the Post-Graduate Course in Anaesthesia at the University of Toronto on 31 December 1950, and has been appointed to the Anaesthetic Staff of the Toronto East General and Orthopaedic Hospital.

A joint meeting of the Section on Anaesthesia of the Ontario Medical Association and the Ontario Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society will be held in Peterborough on 16 and 17 March 1951. Dr. Virginia Apgar of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, will be the guest speaker.

Dr. W. E. Upthegrove has resumed the practise of Anaesthesia in Saskatoon, and is associated in partnership with Dr. R. S. Daymond.

Dr. Mary Anna Nicholson has left Saskatoon to reside in the Barbadoes, where she plans to continue the practise of Anaesthesia. Dr. Nicholson has been active in the affairs of the C. A. S. for some years, serving as Secretary and later as Chairman of the Saskatchewan Division, and plans to continue her association with the Society.

Dr. John Bonica of Tacoma, Washington, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Western Divisions of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society at Calgary, Alberta on February 21 to 24, 1951. Arrangements for this meeting include a trip to Banff and Buffalo steak dinner on February 24th.