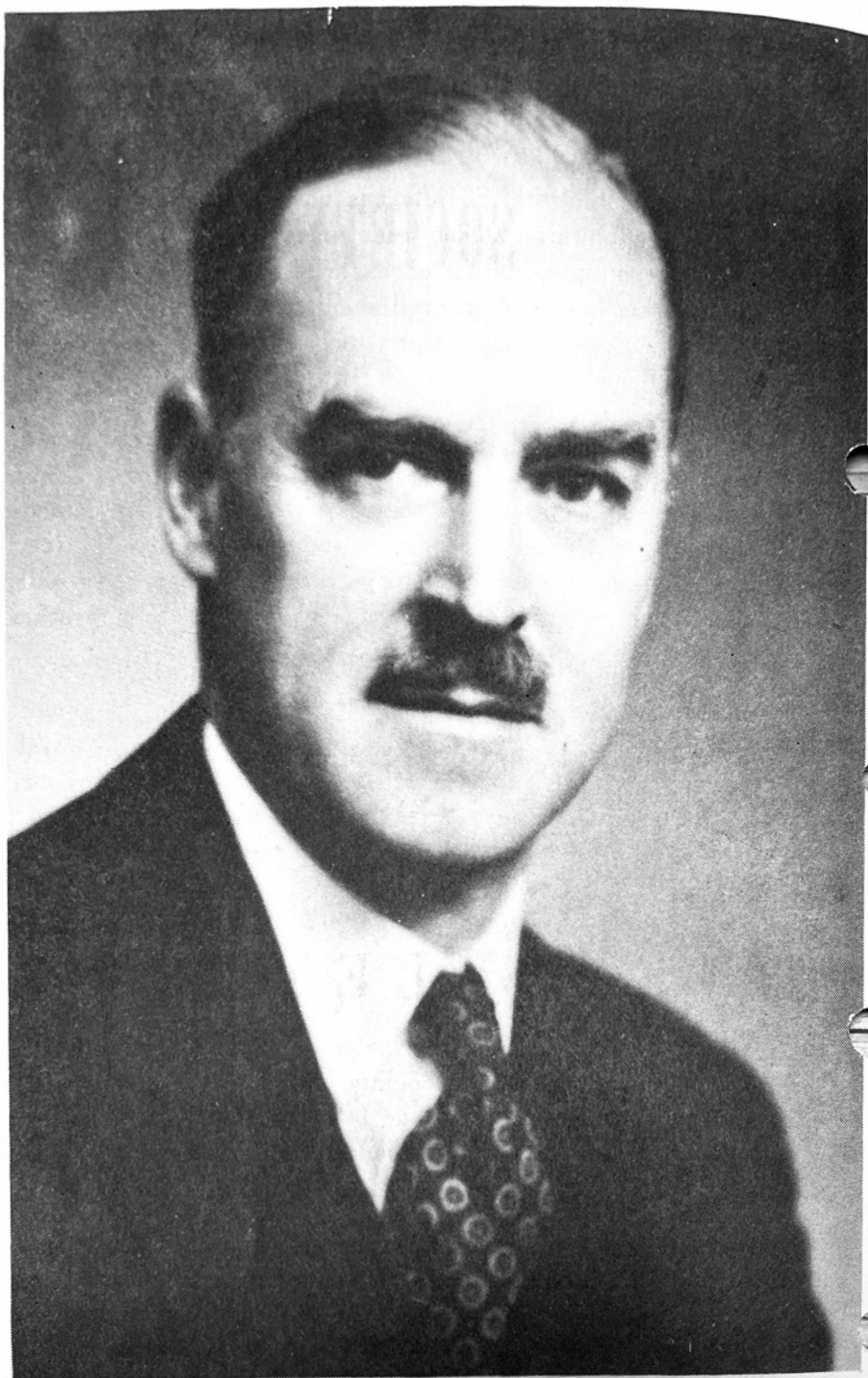


# THE CANADIAN ANAESTHETISTS' SOCIETY



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# The President's Page

## Past-President's Report — June 1951.

The Canadian Anaesthetists' Society has now been an incorporated body for nearly eight years. It has made steady growth in that time, and although mere numbers do not necessarily signify greatness, we can be proud of what has been accomplished by our membership which now stands at 458, in striving to carry out the original purposes of incorporation.

Last year for the first time, we as a Society held our annual meeting separately from the Canadian Medical Association. This meeting at the Seigniory Club was most successful from every standpoint, although I must confess your Executive had not a little anxiety about the outcome. From the Secretary-Treasurer's report you will see that due to excellent business management and the co-operation of the exhibiting firms we are in a very sound financial position.

During the year the Divisions either individually or in groups have been quite active with scientific meetings. In this regard I wish to draw your attention that the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society encourages the Divisions to have these meetings by making available to them on request financial assistance to pay the expenses of guest speakers. I would remind Division Secretaries that reports of Divisional meetings should be sent immediately to the C.A.S. Secretary in Toronto so that we may have a complete picture of activity in Anaesthesiology in Canada.

Progress is being made in the teaching of Anaesthesia. In this regard the congratulations of the Society are to be extended to Dr. Blezzard of London, Ontario who has been appointed Professor of Anaesthesia in the new Chair established at the University of Western Ontario.

This year for the first time it is possible to receive by examination an F.R.C.P. in Anaesthesia and several candidates will be trying these examinations in November. We wish them every success.

Your Council met in June following its election at the Seigniory Club and also in Toronto on 25th February 1951. Unfortunately due



to a sudden deterioration in weather conditions the Maritime members were unable to fly out of Moncton and their absence was very much regretted.

Many items of importance were covered by Council, some of which I wish to draw to your attention. The labelling of anaesthetic drugs packaged in ampoules and the labelling of medical gases – both of serious import to all anaesthetists, again came under discussion. Also the question of the addition of colouring matter to local anaesthetic drugs was discussed and two motions were approved.

(1) That all ampoules of local anaesthetic drugs should have the amount in milligrams of local anaesthetic drug contained therein marked on the ampoule.

(2) That a letter be sent to the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists stating that the C.A.S. does not approve of the use of colouring matter in any local anaesthetic drug.

Council discussed at some length the upward revision of our fee schedule to bring it into line with that of the British Columbia Division. A resolution on this matter was passed by Council increasing our rates and I hope it will be brought to the attention of the Tariff Committees of the various Provincial Medical Associations.

A report was received from the New Brunswick Division on the use of Nurse Anaesthetists a situation which is becoming serious in that province, and it was agreed to give the Division some assistance by providing a speaker on Economics of Anaesthesia for the fall meeting of the New Brunswick Medical Association.

This year the C.A.S. began publication of a News Letter of which Dr. Harry Robinson of Toronto is now Editor. The continuation of this publication will not be possible unless Divisional Secretaries and individual members co-operate by forwarding items to the Editor.

An invitation was received from the President of the Society of Anaesthetists of France to send representatives of the C.A.S. to Paris in September where an organization meeting will be held under the auspices of the United Nations. Your Vice-President, Dr. George Cousineau, has very graciously agreed to represent us at this meeting as an observer and I expect he will bring back a full report and resolutions regarding any participation by the C.A.S. in this International organization.

I would also like to mention the serious position which we occupy at the present time in the matter of support to our Armed Services. Our government on behalf of the Canadian people has assumed certain commitments to provide military forces to help maintain our free way of life. To date all walks of life have been proportionally represented in volunteering for these forces with one exception, the medical profession. Junior Medical Officers are required. This is a very serious situation and will have to be dealt with by the doctors themselves, especially by their influence on the young graduate and interne.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to all members of Council for their services in the past year. I also want to express my deep appreciation to our Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Gordon and his assistant Miss Campbell for their united work on behalf of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society. They have been of great assistance to me and have been most active in looking after the interests of the Society.

S. M. Campbell, M.D.,  
*Past-President.*

# From The Secretary's Office

The 1951 meeting of The Canadian Anaesthetists' Society is now history and will I am sure be remembered by all who attended as a most profitable and pleasant experience. The surrounding proved to be ideal and the programme of the highest order of excellence. It is a matter for regret that the attendance was much smaller than had been anticipated, and very much smaller than the excellence of the programme deserved. Only 63 of the total membership of 458 registered for the meeting, as compared with the membership registration of 96 at the 1950 meeting.

The commercial exhibits were excellent and we are indebted to the exhibitors for their co-operation which made the meeting financially possible. Unfortunately the exhibitors were unhappy about the small registration, but it is to be hoped that this will not influence their decision to exhibit at future meetings.

The meeting for 1952 is to be held in conjunction with the Canadian Medical Association Meeting at the Banff Springs Hotel on June 9 and 10, 1952.

The Secretary is now collecting complete information concerning training in Anaesthesia available in the hospitals in Canada which are approved for training in Anaesthesia by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. We hope that it will be possible to keep this information reasonably up to date in order that it may be readily available for prospective candidates for training. Members are requested to communicate any changes in their immediate or future requirements for residents to the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

**CORRECTION** — re page 2 of Volume 1, No. 3 as follows:

The qualifications for an F.R.C.P. (Canada) by examination are 1 year junior rotation, 1 year senior internship in medicine and 2 years senior internship in anaesthesia.

## **PRESENTATION TO DR. H. J. SHIELDS**

The theme for the annual meeting at the Manoir Richelieu, Murray Bay, Quebec, was to honour Dr. Harry J. Shields, Chief of Anaesthesia, Toronto General Hospital, and Dean of Anaesthetists of Ontario.

Presentation of Dr. Shields's portrait was made at the formal dinner on the last night of the meeting, by the Chairman of the Ontario Division, C.A.S. Funds had been raised by voluntary subscription from the Division to have the portrait executed.

At the presentation the speaker said in part:

"Relatively few men are given the opportunity that has befallen me, to make honourable presentation to a man who is still very much alive; a distinguished preceptor, teacher, adviser, and friend.

"Remembering the eulogy that Dr. Shields gave in Montreal a few years ago to the late Samuel Johnston, his predecessor in direct line, I fear my oratory tonight will fall short of the mark. Occasions like this do, however, move one deeply and the words come directly from the heart.

"Leaders of our specialty, like yourself, have done much more than we oftentimes realize to raise the scope and standards, so that we can now proudly stand up and say 'I am an anaesthetist'.

"We in Ontario revere you, Dr. Shields, for your efforts on our behalf over the last quarter century and more. Added to the truth that you are a well read, educated man, you have attained other degrees of importance which are an inspiration to us. You have gained the highest honours of our profession in the medical world. You have furthermore been decorated by a foreign government, receiving the Order of St. Sava from the Government of Serbia during the war 1914-1918.

"I can pay you no greater compliment than to tell you that the young men under your direction — the internes, seniors and residents speak of you with the greatest regard. To me that is analagous to a boy's respect to a father.

"Another fact that should please you is that the idea for this

presentation came not from your own hospital, not from your own city, but from the province at large. And since you are known throughout the breadth of the Dominion, even throughout this continent and overseas, it is known that a great many people farther afield will support this gesture.

"Following the inspiration and precedent set by our French-Canadian colleagues in honouring two other leaders, Drs. Bourne and Griffiths, we of the Ontario Division, C.A.S., wish to show you tangible evidence of our esteem. We ask you, sir, to accept this portrait in our name."

Mrs. Shields received a bouquet of red roses, graciously presented by Miss Dianne Wincott, daughter of Lee Wincott of Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Dr. Shields appeared deeply moved by the honour and then delivered an interesting address on his career in anaesthesia. Thus the annual meeting terminated.



# News Items of Interest

La Commission des Accidents du Travail de Québec vient d'accorder une augmentation de tariff de 50% aux anesthésistes porteurs du certificat de Spécialistes du Collège des Médecins et Chirurgiens de la Province de Québec. Nous nous réjouissons de cette reconnaissance officielle par ce corps public et souhaitons que d'autres organismes suivent leur exemple.

Le Congrès annuel de l'A. C. des A. tenu à la Malbaie a remporté un magnifique succès grâce au dévouement des organisateurs et des conférenciers qui ont rendu cette réunion très instructive et très agréable.

Les Drs. Eugène Allard de l'Hopital de l'Enfant-Jésus, André Jacques de l'Hotel Dieu et Roland Duchesne de l'Hopital St. Francois d'Assise, de Québec, ont présenté des travaux scientifiques au récent Congrès de la Malbaie.

Le Dr. Phil Gendron de l'Hotel Dieu de Québec vient de subir une intervention chirurgicale. Nos meilleurs souhaits d'un prompt rétablissement.

Le Dr. Paul Ploudre de l'Hopital St. Joseph des Trois-Rivières doit prendre charge du Service d'Anesthésie de l'Hopital de Montmagny.

Le Dr. Henri Durand, étudiant à l'école d'anesthésie de l'Université Laval a épousé Mlle Nicole LaRoche le 16 Juin dernier. Nos meilleurs voeux.

Dr. M. Digby Leigh has recently had the honour of being appointed Contributing Editor representing Canada on the Editorial Staff of the "Revista Brasileira de Anestesiologia".

Dr. J. J. Carroll has resigned from Dr. M. Digby Leigh and Associates, and is practising anaesthesia at Grace Hospital in Vancouver.

Dr. R. A. Simpson, who has been on the staff of Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, has joined Dr. M. Digby Leigh and Associates at

the Vancouver General Hospital.

Dr. Frank McCaffrey has recently joined the anaesthetic staff of St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, having left Notre Dame Hospital in Montreal.

The following from Vancouver were recently successful in the American Board of Anesthesiology examinations:

Dr. M. K. Belton  
Dr. H. A. Kester  
Dr. N. R. J. McMillen  
Dr. J. P. O'Donnell  
Dr. J. C. Poole

Dr. C.I. Junkin has been appointed Chief of the Department of Anaesthesia of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, succeeding Dr. C. H. Robson who has held this appointment since 1919. Dr. Robson becomes Active Consultant in Anaesthesia to the Hospital for Sick Children.

The Pacific Northwest Society of Anesthesiologists will hold their annual meeting this year at the Empress Hotel, Victoria, B.C., September 7th and 8th. The following programme has been planned:-

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1951.

12.15 p.m. Luncheon - St. Joseph's Hospital

2.30 p.m. Clinical Session - Nurses' Auditorium, Royal Jubilee Hospital. Sidney M. Friedman, M.D.  
Professor of Anatomy, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.

3.30 p.m. Demonstration by J. D. Stenstrom, M.D.

4.15 p.m. Business Meeting. Pacific Northwest Society of Anaesthetists

6.30 p.m. Cocktails, Empress Hotel

8.00 p.m. Dinner, Empress Hotel

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1951**

**9.00 a.m.** Electrolyte Balance – J. Eden, M.D. Assistant  
Director, Department of Pathology Vancouver  
General Hospital, Vancouver, B.C.

**10.00 a.m.** The Cardiac Patient and Anaesthesia – A Panel  
Discussion. Moderator – H. A. Kester, M.D.  
T. F. Rose, M.D.  
E. Webb, M.D.  
J. D. Stenstrom, M.D.

**12.30 p.m.** Luncheon – Pacific Club, Fort St.

**5.00 p.m.** Cocktails, Yacht Club.

**LADIES' PROGRAMME** under the care of Dr. Irene Clearihue.