

# THE CANADIAN ANAESTHETISTS' SOCIETY

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# The President's Page

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the great honor given me to-day by my nomination to the presidency of our national society.

Following the example of Bourne, Griffith, Shields, Heard, Leech, Campbell, Watts, Hudon, I will do my very best to uphold the banner of our society.

Our Canadian Anaesthetists' Society has now passed its youth. The experimental period is over; the voice of the Society is of greater importance, and consequently is listened to more carefully. Our Society has now realized the purpose of uniting all Canadian physicians who give the whole or a part of their time to the specialty of anaesthesia. Anaesthesiology itself has now attained adult status. All America recognizes this specialty and places it on the same level with all other disciplines in Medicine. Europe gives more and more emancipation to this branch of medicine; and in this England has given the lead for many years.

In our beautiful country Canada, two cultures join their individual characteristics to make our group an Association unique throughout the world, working in harmony for the ever-increasing progress of the specialty of anaesthesia.

At the beginning of this new year I wish to all the members the success already assured by the well organized work in each of our provincial divisions.

I offer my humble contribution to the central organization, and I thank you for your confidence.

Banff, Alta.,  
June 10, 1952

George Cousineau

Mesdames, Messieurs,

Je vous remercie sincèrement du grand honneur que vous me faites aujourd'hui en me nommant à la présidence de notre société nationale.

A la suite des Bourne, Griffith, Shields, Heard, Leech, Watts, Hudon, j'essaierai de mon mieux à tenir bien haut l'étendard de notre société.

Notre société canadienne d'Anesthésiologie a maintenant dépassé l'âge des premiers pas; sa voix est plus grave et conséquemment mieux écoutée. Notre société a maintenant parfaitement réalisé son but: l'union de tous les médecins du Canada qui dévouent tout leur temps ou une partie de leur temps à notre spécialité de l'anesthésiologie. L'anesthésiologie elle-même a atteint l'âge adulte. Tous les pays d'Amérique reconnaissent cette spécialité et la placent au même niveau que toute autre discipline médicale . . . L'Europe accorde de plus en plus d'émancipation à cette branche de la médecine, l'Angleterre leur donne l'exemple depuis plusieurs années.

Dans notre beau pays, le Canada, deux cultures s'unissent apportant chacune leurs qualités propres et font de notre groupe une association unique au monde, travaillant dans l'harmonie au progrès toujours croissant de la spécialité de l'anesthésiologie.

A l'aurore donc de cette nouvelle année, je souhaite donc à tous les membres le succès déjà garanti par le travail si bien organisé de chacune de nos divisions en provinces.

J'offre mon humble contribution à l'organisation centrale et vous remercie de nouveau de votre confiance.

Banff, Alta.,  
10 Juin, 1952.

George Cousineau

## From The Secretary's Office

Plans are well under way for the ANNUAL MEETING <sup>1953</sup> <sup>of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society</sup> to be held at the Seignory Club, Montebello, Quebec, on June 1, 2 and 3, 1953. Those who attended the 1950 meeting at this beautiful manoir on the Ottawa river will undoubtedly be anticipating a repetition of that enjoyable experience. Those members who missed that occasion will undoubtedly wish to "get in" on this one. Reservations should be made early by letter to The Manager, Log Chateau, The Seignory Club, Montebello, P.Q.

Members who wish to present papers at the 1953 meeting are requested to advise the Secretary immediately, in order that the programme committee may produce the final programme at an early date.

The Council of the Society has authorized the publication of the "Proceedings of the Canadian Anaesthetists Society 1952" to contain in one volume the papers presented at the annual meeting of the Society at Banff in June 1952. This publication will go to press in the near future, and will be distributed to all members of the Society.

Letters were sent to all Pre-paid Medical Schemes in Canada in April of this year, advising them of the official Schedule of Fees of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society.

# News Items of Interest

Dr. Wesley Bourne has left for Paris, France, as a guest professor for one year. A mistaken obituary notice regarding Dr. Bourne was recently circulated through an American College Fraternity publication. This was entirely in error, and startled his Canadian Confreres. Shades of Mark Twain!!

Dr. Harry Slater and his staff at the Children's Memorial Hospital, Montreal, have carried on an extensive educational program in "Paediatric Anaesthesia" both in Canada and the United States. An exhibit "Paediatric Inhalation Anaesthesia" has been very well received at the American Academy of Paediatrics, the New York State Society's Post-graduate Assembly, the meeting of the American Medical Association, and most recently at the meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists in Philadelphia. The Children's Memorial Hospital now has three staff and four resident anaesthetists, the latter being post-graduate students of the University of Montreal and McGill University.

✓ *Montreal*  
Dr. R. G. B. Gilbert was among those who were successful in passing the examination for Fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians of Canada in the Specialty of Anaesthesia in 1951. ①

✓ Dr. Peter Percheson who formerly practised anaesthesia in Moose Jaw has recently joined Dr. J. J. Carroll and Dr. Allan Blair at Grace Hospital, Vancouver. This group will shortly take over the anaesthesia service of the newly erected Burnaby Hospital, and will be joined in practise by Dr. Jack Dennis, who is presently completing his residency training.

✓ Dr. Jack Andrews, formerly practising anaesthesia with Dr. M. Digby Leigh and Associates of Vancouver has moved to Victoria where he is associated with Dr. C. W. Duck and Dr. R. A. Fortye in the practise of anaesthesia on the staff of the Royal Jubilee Hospital.



Dr. Bruce Cragg has left the Royal Jubilee Hospital and is now practising anaesthesia on the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria in association with Dr. D. Revell and Dr. R. G. Whitehead. Dr. Revell was recently appointed head of the department of anaesthesia in this hospital.

Dr. M. Digby Leigh was guest professor at the ten day course on Anaesthesia at the summer school of the Universidad de Nuevo Leon in Monterrey, N.L., Mexico, during August.

Dr. E. Sleath, who recently completed the post-graduate course in Anaesthesia at the University of Toronto, is now practising anaesthesia in association with Dr. M. Digby Leigh and Associates, Vancouver.

Dr. Lois Crawford, who recently completed her residency training at the Vancouver General Hospital is now associated with Dr. M. Digby Leigh and Associates, Vancouver.

Following three years of negotiations the schedule of fees of the British Columbia Division C. A. S. has been accepted as the minimum schedule of fees for anaesthesia for that province.

Dr. David Sherman, formerly of the Plastic and Jaw Surgery Unit, Park Prewett Hospital, Basingstoke, England, has joined the St. Boniface Anaesthetic Clinic.

Dr. Margaret Forster, from Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, has joined the staff of the Winnipeg General Hospital. Dr. Forster is a graduate of the Medical School of the Royal Colleges of Edinburgh.

Dr. Christine Howse, formerly of Winnipeg and Edmonton, is attending a post-graduate course in Anaesthesia at Hammersmith, London, and has an appointment with Dr. John Gillies in Edinburgh in 1953.

Dr. Virginia Apgar, Professor of Anaesthesiology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, and of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, visited the Anaesthetists of Winnipeg in June. She spoke on "Infant Anoxia and Resuscitation" before a combined group of Paediatricians and Anaesthetists.

The meeting of the Western Divisions of the Canadian Anaesthetists Society in 1953 will be held in Winnipeg. This is a nice midwinter relaxation period. Guest speaker and program will be announced in the next Newsletter.

At the annual business meeting of the Ontario Division the following officers were elected for 1952-53: —

Chairman: — Dr. R. M. Stringer, Hamilton

Secretary-Treasurer: — Dr. Ralph Probert, Hamilton

Executive: — Dr. Alan B. Noble, Kingston

Dr. Robert Orange, Sudbury

Dr. Harry E. Robinson, Toronto.

Dr. Stanley M. Campbell has been appointed Chief of the Department of Anaesthesia, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, with the rank of Associate Professor, and Chief of the Department of Anaesthesia, Toronto General Hospital, on the retirement of Dr. H.J. Shields.

Dr. J.A. Vining has been appointed Chief of the Department of Anaesthesia, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

Commencing October 1, 1952, the members of the Anaesthetic Staff of the Toronto General Hospital, including the Wellesley Division, began practising Anaesthesia as a partnership under the name of "Anaesthesia Associates". The aim of this reorganization is to simplify the arrangement of anaesthesia within the two hospitals, and to provide more time for the teaching and research obligations of the staff.

Dr. Alan W. Conn, who is in Great Britain on a McLaughlin Fellowship from the University of Toronto was among those injured in the train wreck near Harrow, England. He is reported to have escaped with a fractured tibia. Anyone wishing to communicate with him may do so at 9 St. Alban's Rd., Hemel Hempstead, Herts., England.

Dr. Kenneth Edwards has joined the staff of the Kingston General Hospital on completion of the post-graduate course in anaesthesia at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Jack Heron has returned to Toronto, and is on the Anaesthetic Staff of the Toronto East General and Orthopaedic Hospital.

A meeting of the Nova Scotia Division was held on Nov. 18 at the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax. The scientific session consisted of a discussion of different aspects of "shock", lead by Dr. M. Hoffmann and Dr. D. Tonning.

Dalhousie University recognized the specialty of Anaesthesia last June by the formation of the Department of Anaesthesia, appointing Dr. C.C. Stoddard as Professor of Anaesthesia. Assistant Professors are — Dr. C. H. L. Baker, Dr. R. B. Nichols, Dr. C. Kincaide and Dr. R. W. Ballem. Lecturers: Dr. G. MacKinnon, Dr. A. MacIntosh, Dr. R. A. P. Fleming and Dr. D. V. Graham.

Dr. Stewart Wenning, a recent Resident at Victoria General Hospital Halifax, is now completing a year in Medicine and Surgery at Camp Hill Hospital, preparatory to his specialists examination next year.

Dr. John F. McLellan, who has been in general practice of Medicine in Nova Scotia for the past three years, has recently joined the Department of Anaesthesia, Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, as Resident under training.

A four day Post-Graduate Course in Anaesthesia for general practitioners was held at the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, November 17 to 20, 1952.