OBITUARIES

LEONARD SHELDON BARTLETT

It was with sincere regret that the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society learned of the sudden death of Dr. Bartlett on August 11, 1957

Born in Ravenswood, Ontario, Dr Bartlett had been a resident of Hamilton since 1942. Prior to coming to Hamilton he had been in general practice at Mount Elgin, Ontario.

After obtaining his B A degree at Western University, London, Ontario, he enrolled in Wesleyan Theological College in Montreal, Quebec, where he graduated with his B.D. He had a charge in Richlea, Saskatchewan, for several years before attending McGill University where he obtained his M D., C.M

degree On coming to Hamilton, Dr. Bartlett became interested in anaesthesia and studied under Dr Griffith of Montreal. He was taken on the Anaesthetic Staff of the Hamilton General Hospital in 1942. In 1951 he joined the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital on the Anaesthetic Service, where he remained an active member until his death

In Hamilton, Dr. Bartlett was very well known in other fields besides medicine. He started the "Shut-Ins" Club which later grew to a large organization. This club was formed to bring entertainment to the old and infirm in hospitals and institutions in the form of movies, etc

Dr Bartlett was a former president of the Hamilton Angling and Hunting Association and for several years he was a director of the Huron and Erie Zone of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. He was also chairman of the Wentworth Conservation Association and because of his medical background was well qualified to fight against the growing pollution of lakes and streams in his district

Surviving, besides his wife, the former Albina Marie Quesnelle, are a son, Leonard Graeme at home, a daughter, Mrs. James Douglas Gardner (Margaret Patricia) of Hamilton, Ontario, his father, the Rev. Leonard Bartlett of Thamesville, two brothers, Dr Oliver Russell Bartlett of Riverside, and Wallace Howard Bartlett of Toronto, and two sisters, Mrs. F. W Haight of London, and Mrs Geo. W Sims of Chatham, Ontario

Dr. Bartlett's funeral service was held at Barton Stone Church and he was buried in Barton Stone Church Cemetery, R R 4, Hamilton, Ontario

WILLIAM EASSON BROWN

Dr William Easson Brown died suddenly at his summer home in Muskoka, August 30 on the last day of his summer vacation Unknown to most of his friends he had had some warnings of possible future troubles, but his was the breed that would carry on life's usual functions without change and without regrets In his last holiday he worked about his cottage even to the extent of activities involving some degree of manual labour. His was a busy life, too full possibly for his own good, with many interests apart from medical activities which he followed with intense zeal.

As a boy at high school (Harbord) and in his university period he was active in sports, particularly in track in which he was a keen competitor. He had an impressive record in the sprints in which he won many points for his teams His interest in athletics in general and the University Track Club in particular was maintained unto the end. He never missed a meeting of the Track Club and for years he officiated at the inter-university track meets. He was a member of the Athletic Directorate of the University of Toronto for many years, a position he still held at the time of his death and one to which he devoted considerable time and thought.

Civilian flying was another of Dr. Brown's activities. Through the Toronto Flying Club he obtained his flying licence in 1929 and until recently he piloted

aeroplanes and seaplanes. He gave many of his friends a thrill and on occasion he flew a seaplane to his summer home. His association with the Flying Club gave rise to his appointment as Medical Examiner of flying personnel. He belonged also to the Aero Medical Society and the Civil Aviation Association.

Dr. Brown will be remembered longest for his research activities with reference to anaesthetic substances. While associated with the Department of Pharmacology and Professor Velyen Henderson he initiated studies with Ethylene, and with Professor George Lucas introduced the gas cyclopropane. Both are still widely used in the civilized world. As a clinical anaesthetist he was fearless in applying new techniques whether of his own invention or in investigation of methods reported in other centres. These sorties into new fields were always preceded by careful study or animal experimentation. He contributed a number of articles to various anaesthetic journals.

"Bill" as he was known generally to his friends was born the son of a doctor in Western Ontario. For a time the family lived in Chicago, eventually returning to Toronto where the boy grew up. From Harbord Collegiate in that city he entered Medicine at the University of Toronto, graduating M.B. in 1916. He served overseas as Captain in the C.A.M.C. at the Canadian Hospital at Orpington in England, in which hospital he began his anaesthetic career. On his return from his overseas duties he was appointed to the Anaesthetic Department of the Toronto General Hospital, a post retained until he reached the retiring age, at which time he was named consultant in Anaesthesia to the hospital. He was the recipient of many honours during his lifetime. He was granted the M.A. degree by his University for his thesis on Ethylene and Diploma of Anaesthesia by the conjoint board at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (England) in 1938. He was a member of the Toronto Academy of Medicine, the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society, and the American Society of Anesthesiologists. He was a charter member of the Anaesthetic Travel Club,—now the Academy of Anesthesiologists. He belonged to the Aero Medical Society and was an Honorary Member of the Toronto Medical Legal Society. He was also an original member of the Caduceus Club, a Toronto Medical Dinner Society. From these activities he found time to act as Assistant Coroner for the City of Toronto. He was a cheerful soul with ever a joke or anecdote suitable for the occasion. His presence was felt in any company in which he found himself.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife, the former Irene Gallagher, and his three children, James Easson of Norbal, Ontario, Frederick Wallace at present in Casablanca, Morocco, and Patricia of Toronto. A third son, William, lost his life in the Second World War while serving as a gunner in the R C A.F.

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