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DR. THOMAS RUSSELL NICHOLS

DR. THOMAS RUSSELL NICHOLS died suddenly at his office in Stratford, Ontario, on November 12, 1959. Dr. Nichols was born in Stratford on April 18, 1900, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nichols. He served in the R.A.F. in 1918 and graduated M.B., University of Toronto, in 1924. After interning at Grace Hospital, Toronto, he began general practice in Stratford. Very early he showed his lifelong interest in anaesthesiology and, because of the high standards he set in all he undertook, very quickly established an enviable respect for his skill and judgment throughout Western Ontario. He pioneered in this district in the use of endotracheal anaesthesia, especially for tonsillectomy. He became Certificated in Anaesthesia in 1943. He was a Fellow of the American College of Anesthesiologists, a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists and a member of the International Anaesthesia Research Society. He became a member of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society early in his career and maintained his interest and support over the years.

Russell Nichols was truly a "doctors' doctor." His wealth of experience in all phases of general practice made him the guardian of the health and skills of his fellow practitioners and their families for years. He was physician to the Nursing School for over twenty-five years, and held nearly every office to be held in Stratford and Perth County Medical Societies.

With the establishment of the Department of Anaesthesia at the Stratford General Hospital, he became the first Chief, and remained in the position until 1956 when a lightening of his duties became advisable. His guiding judgment remained invaluable thereafter. He was a true friend, a dedicated teacher, and will be missed for many years to come.

Dr. Nichols was married to Elizabeth Shore in 1925 and sincere sympathy goes out to her, their son, Dr. Wm. R. Nichols of Pittsburgh, and their daughter, Elizabeth, Mrs. J. B. Hartley of Ottawa.

DR. NORMAN McLEOD THORNTON

THE DEATH of Dr. Norman McLeod Thornton, at the age of 69, occurred in Vancouver, B.C., on January 11, 1960. Dr. Thornton graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1924, and following internship at the Vancouver General Hospital, did post-graduate study in England. For two years, he was a ship's doctor and then did general practice in Vancouver. In 1928, he joined the Anaesthetic Staff of the Vancouver General Hospital. He held this position until his retirement in 1956.

Dr. Thornton was a member of the Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society, and at the time of his death, was on the honorary attending staff of the Vancouver General Hospital.

He is survived by his widow and one son, Dr. Norman Thornton, Jr., who is at present in the Post-Graduate Course in Anaesthesia at McGill University.