OBITUARIES

DR. JOHN A. I. ALTON

DR. JOHN A. I. ALTON, 73, of Lamont, Alberta, died May 7 at his home. Born in Ontario in 1888, Dr. Alton moved to Fort Saskatchewan with his family in 1900. He was educated in Edmonton and graduated from the University of Toronto in 1918.

Following army service overseas in World War I, Dr. Alton opened a practice in Waskatenau. Later, he moved to Lamont where he practised until his retirement three years ago.

Active in many local organizations, Dr. Alton was recently honoured with a life membership by the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons and also by the Canadian Medical Association, Alberta Division.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters and a son, Dr. J. D. McGregor Alton of Edmonton.

DR. JOHN W. A. ARMSTRONG

THIS most respected gentleman died at the Royal Victoria Hospital in June 1961, at the age of 92. As recently as last November he was able to enjoy some of the functions of the Royal Victoria Hospital House Staff Reunion.

Dr. Armstrong was born in Bristol, Quebec, in 1870, and graduated in Medicine from McGill University in 1900. Following his internship, he entered General Practice in Shawville. He was much admired and respected because of his diligent and conscientious services to the citizens of that community. He later decided on a career in Anaesthesia, and after a period of training was appointed to the Anaesthetic staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital in 1917. He retired at his own request in 1939, but following the outbreak of the Second World War he voluntarily returned to the Royal Victoria Hospital in order to make a professional contribution during the emergency. It was during this period that many residents and medical officers training in Anaesthesia became acquainted with him and admired his unhurried technical efficiency, his sincere personal regard for his patients and, above all, his gentlemanly courtesy and ethical discretion.

When he felt himself replaceable, he again retired to his interest in trees. During the past few years he had been in Montreal with his daughter.

Many who trained in Montreal during the late 30's and early 40's will remember this kind gentleman who presented a fine example of the superior professional conduct representative of his generation of physicians.

ALAN B. NOBLE, M.D.
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