

REPORTS OF MEETINGS^s

ONTARIO DIVISION MEETS AT OTTAWA

A VERY interesting and well-balanced programme was presented at the Ontario Divisional Meeting held at the Château Laurier, Ottawa, on Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4.

The morning was spent visiting the Ottawa Civic Hospital where clinical demonstrations were given in the operating rooms.

Following luncheon, the afternoon session included the following papers:

1. Epidural Anaesthesia in Infants and Children. *By* Dr. F. Ruston, Hamilton.
2. Infant Anaesthesia in the Community Hospital. *By* Dr. V. A. Nekus, Kingston.
3. Spinal Anaesthesia in Obstetrics. *By* Dr. Best, Hamilton.
4. The Present Status of Spinal Anaesthesia. *By* Dr. C. R. Stephen, Durham, North Carolina.

During the day, the wives of the visiting anaesthetists were royally entertained by the Ottawa ladies. A very enjoyable banquet was held at the Château Laurier on Saturday evening.

The following morning was occupied largely by a Round Table discussion, the title of which was, "Choosing the Proper Muscle Relaxants." Members of the panel included Dr. Stuart Vandewater, Toronto; Dr. William Cullen, Montreal; and Dr. Alan Noble, Kingston.

Many complimentary remarks were heard concerning this meeting. The papers were not too long, were well presented, and ample time was allowed for a thorough discussion of each subject. The active, good-natured participation of a great many of the audience resulted in very stimulating sessions. The fact that the programme was not a crowded one allowed ample time for discussion of controversial questions in detail, and we would do well to hold other meetings of this type.

A large number of commercial exhibitors were present and made a very valuable contribution to the meeting.

Doctors Bob Stringer and Ralph Probert of Hamilton are to be congratulated for their excellent programme. The committee on local arrangements was headed by Dr. Gordon MacKenzie of Ottawa, and we thank them most sincerely for their excellent hospitality.

QUEBEC DIVISION MEETING

"A DAY of Paediatric Anaesthesia" was the topic of the spring meeting of the Quebec Division of The Canadian Anaesthetists' Society held at the Children's Memorial Hospital, Montreal, on Saturday, April 10.

During the morning clinical demonstrations of various techniques for different age groups and different operations were conducted; also, practical instruction in pontocaine-aerosol administration for bronchoscopy, and the use of nitrous oxide and trichlorethylene for dental extractions.

Following a luncheon served at the Children's Memorial Hospital, the afternoon session commenced with the presentation of the following papers:

1. Anaesthesia for Infants in Every Day Surgery. *By* Dr. V. A. Nekus, Kingston, Ontario.
2. Attention to Details in Paediatric Anaesthesia. *By* Dr. H. M. Slater, Montreal.
3. Pre- and Post-operative Care in Children. *By* Dr. R. H. Ferguson, Montreal.
4. Poliomyelitis and the Anaesthetist. *By* Dr. Nicholson, Montreal.

Of particular interest were the scientific and commercial exhibits of paediatric anaesthesia equipment.

The meeting was concluded with a dinner held at the Montreal Club.

NOVA SCOTIA DIVISION MEETING

THE Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Division was held in Halifax at the Naval Hospital, H.M.C.S. *Stadacona*, on Thursday, April 29, 1954. Surgeon Commander Harvey Little gave talks on "A Pentothal-Syncurine Mixture for Intubation" and on "Xylocaine in Regional Anaesthesia."

The following executive officers were elected by the Division:

Chairman: Dr. George D. Donaldson

Secretary: Dr. R. A. PAUL FLEMING