

NEWS LETTER

THE COUNCIL of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society has accepted an offer by British Oxygen Canada Limited of an annual sum to be given as a prize or prizes for the best original work in Anaesthesia in Canada during the year. The award will be known as The British Oxygen Canada Prize. Detailed announcements will be found elsewhere in this Journal.

ONTARIO DIVISION

The University of Toronto has announced the establishment of a three-year Diploma Course in Anaesthesia, commencing with the 1961-62 Academic Session. The Diploma will be awarded on the basis of examinations to be held in each year of the course.

The second Harry J. Shields Lecture in the University of Toronto was given by Dr. John Gillies of Edinburgh on September 9, 1960. Dr. Gillies' subject was "Clinical Medicine and Surgery in Anaesthetic Practice."

Dr. Robert Horne has been appointed to the staff of the Department of Anaesthesia, Queen's University, and the Kingston General Hospital.

QUEBEC DIVISION

Some one hundred anaesthetists, on their way to Toronto to attend the World Congress, spent September 2-3 in Montreal, where they were officially welcomed by the Mayor of Montreal, Senator Sarto Fournier, at an evening reception tendered by the City.

His Worship was thanked, in inimitable style, by Dr. Harold Griffith, to whom a delightful banquet was given on the following night by the Quebec Division of the Society, whose members also presented to Dr. Griffith a silver cigar box, in recognition of his contribution to the "boundless realm" of world-wide Anaesthesia.

Many of the distinguished delegates signed the Golden Book of the City of Montreal during their stay, and, with their wives and families, took cheerful advantage of the opportunity to tour not only the two great universities, but the Laurentians and historic sites in the older part of the City as well.

The anaesthetists of Montreal were particularly pleased to have had the opportunity of exposing our visitors to the many attractions of the metropolis, and the thanks of all are particularly merited by Dr. Leon Longtin and his committee, who were in charge of the arrangements.

The third annual McGill revision and refresher course in anaesthesia for those sitting examinations and General Practitioners engaged in anaesthesia was given by the staff of the Department of Anaesthesia and guests from the

Faculty of Medicine during the week of September 19-24, 1960. Approximately fifty doctors from many parts of Canada and the United States attended thirty-seven lectures and demonstrations on topics of current interest in the fields of basic science and their integration with clinical problems.

Dr. M. Digby Leigh, Associate Professor of Surgery (Anesthesia), University of Southern California and Director, Department of Anesthesia, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, spent the last week of September in visiting old stamping grounds in Montreal. Dr. Leigh visited the Montreal Children's Hospital, where he was formerly director of Anaesthesia, as well as other teaching hospitals of McGill and the Université de Montréal. He addressed the regular Monday night conclave of Montreal anaesthetists and, with Mrs. Leigh, regaled many of his old friends, including Dr. Wesley Bourne and Dr. Harold Griffith, at a dinner given in his honour by Dr. R. G. B. Gilbert.

Forrest Bird, Ph.D., was the principal speaker at a two-day seminar on "The Dialectics of Pressure Breathing," sponsored by the Department of Anaesthesia of McGill University on October 16 and 17.

The McGill Anaesthesia Programme for the year 1960-61 includes such well-known guest speakers as Drs. Digby M. Leigh, S. M. Campbell, Stuart Vandewater, George J. Thomas, David M. Little, and Merel M. Harmel. Copies of the full programme may still be had on application to the Chairman of the Department, Dr. R. G. B. Gilbert, 3801 University Street, Montreal 2, P.Q.

DIVISION DU QUÉBEC

A la mémoire du Docteur Gérard Lafortune, anesthésiologue. Le docteur Gérard Lafortune était anesthésiste à l'Hôpital St-Luc depuis le 12 mai 1953, année de sa certification en anesthésiologie. Le Docteur Lafortune nous quittait subitement le 26 septembre 1960 à l'âge de 38 ans.

Nous rendons hommage à son intégrité professionnelle qui concourut à faire connaître et aimer notre spécialité.

A son épouse et aux siens, assurance de notre sympathie la plus sincère.

En rapport avec le Deuxième Congrès Mondial des Anesthésistes. Le Docteur Eugène Allard recevait à Québec le 1er septembre 1960 la délégation d'expression française.

Les 2 et 3 septembre, le comité de réception montréalais, présidé par le Docteur Léon Longtin, recevait officiellement les délégués du Congrès aux Universités de Montréal et McGill et ainsi qu'à l'Hôtel-de-Ville.

Le 3 septembre, avait lieu le banquet en l'honneur du Docteur Harold Griffith et la présentation d'une bourse.

L'accueil torontois a été des plus cordial. Il est à noter la collaboration étroite des hôpitaux torontois avec l'organisation du Congrès.

Visiteur illustre à Montréal. Le Docteur Digby Leigh revenait au pays pour une visite officielle après pas moins de 15 ans d'absence. Lors de réunions

scientifiques et sociales, ses amis et confrères ont eu l'occasion de constater que son enthousiasme et son esprit d'organisation étaient toujours les mêmes. Nous espérons que ses visites se feront plus fréquentes.

Un lien sera établi entre lui et nous puisque le Docteur Paul Perron, résident à l'Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal, le rejoindra à Los Angeles pour une période de six mois à partir de janvier 1961.

Hôpital du Sacré-Coeur. Le Docteur Roger Gagnon annonçait, à la mi-septembre, l'ouverture à l'Hôpital du Sacré-Coeur de Cartierville d'une nouvelle salle de réveil avec appareillage électronique pour une surveillance plus étroite et plus suivie des malades en phase de recouvrance.

Nomination universitaire. Le Docteur Louis Lamoureux a été nommé, à l'aurore de la nouvelle année académique, professeur agrégé d'anesthésiologie à la Faculté de Médecine de l'Université de Montréal par le Conseil de la Faculté.

ALBERTA DIVISION

The annual meeting of the Alberta Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society was held at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, September 30. This meeting was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Alberta Division of the Canadian Medical Association and the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons. After the meeting the Calgary Anaesthetists' Society was host to the Division members and their wives at the home of Dr. and Mrs. N. E. Foster.

There have been several changes of staff at the Calgary hospitals.

Dr. W. M. Jones has returned to Toronto and is now practising at the Toronto Western Hospital.

Dr. Alan M. Keil has joined the staff of the Holy Cross Hospital. He comes from Britain via University Hospital, Saskatoon.

Dr. Harry Donaldson has returned to Calgary General Hospital after two years at University Hospital, Saskatoon.

Dr. Murray Tanasichuk has joined the staff of Calgary General Hospital from Minneapolis and St. Boniface.

Dr. Walter Mudry, who has been doing anaesthesia as well as General Practice in Calgary for several years is now a resident in Anaesthesia at the Calgary General.

A new 600 bed Royal Alexandra Hospital is to be built in Edmonton.

Dr. R. J. Stewart formerly of Vancouver and Calgary has joined the staff at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton.

Dr. Wm. Cochrane from Rochester, N.Y., and Liverpool, England, is also now on the staff of the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

At the University Hospital, Edmonton, there is a new service wing which includes an operating room suite.

Dr. Zella Hoar, a former staff member of The University Hospital in Edmonton has resumed practice.

Dr. Martin Hagen has joined the staff of The University Hospital, Edmonton, as a clinical assistant.

Dr. Frank Haley who trained at the University of Alberta and University of Saskatchewan Hospitals is Director of Research and Clinical Investigation in the Department of Anaesthesia of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Alberta.

There is a new six-storey addition to the Medical Building of the University of Alberta. One floor of this building is to be used for animal research under the clinical departments of the Faculty of Medicine.

SASKATCHEWAN DIVISION

Dr. G. W. Kinsman has limited his practice to full-time anaesthesia beginning October 1, 1960.

MANITOBA DIVISION

In April 1959, the Manitoba Society of Medical Hypnosis was formed. Among the founding members were the following Winnipeg Anaesthetists: Dr. P. McGarry of Grace Hospital, Dr. S. Kantor of Misericordia Hospital, and Dr. R. S. Lambie of St. Boniface Hospital. Dr. G. Semelka of St. Boniface Hospital has since become an active member of this group.

Dr. S. Luginsky, Chief Anaesthetist at the Grace Hospital, Winnipeg, has resigned his post to take up residence in the Los Angeles area.

Dr. Max Sadove was the guest speaker at the opening meeting of the Manitoba Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society held at the Victoria General Hospital on September 27, 1960.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society is to be held in Winnipeg on March 8, 9, 10, and 11. An interesting programme featuring the themes "Shock" and "Pulmonary Diseases and Anaesthesia" is planned. Guest speakers will include Drs. S. Hersey of New York, M. Nickerson of the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Manitoba, A. Thomson and R. Cherniak of the Department of Physiology at the University of Manitoba, and R. A. Gordon, of Toronto.

Dr. J. Brenner, Head of the Department of Anaesthesia at the Misericordia Hospital for many years, has been absent from the hospital for several months due to ill health.