

NEWS LETTER

THE VANCOUVER MEETING

AFTER returning from British Columbia, late in June, it was pleasant to think in retrospect of the enjoyable, instructive and, at times, socially hectic few days we spent at the Vancouver Meeting. For the Westerners it was a good meeting, and for the Easterners it was a good meeting as well as being a scenic adventure.

The B.C. Division is to be congratulated on the excellent program. In particular, the contributions made by the members of the British Columbia Division were outstanding and they deserve credit for their enthusiasm and scientific enterprise.

The social activities were many and were much enjoyed. The banquet at the panorama roof of the Hotel Vancouver was a splendid and successful affair. The presentation of honorary life membership in the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society to Doctor David Freeze of Vancouver added much to the occasion. Doctor Freeze was happy to receive this commendation from his colleagues. He spoke in an interesting fashion of the progress of Anaesthesia since his days of apprenticeship in the Canadian Expeditionary Force of World War I.

After the organized part of the Meeting was over, the visitors from the east continued to enjoy themselves by visiting Vancouver hospitals. Of these visits we will remember much. We were impressed with the organization of hospital anaesthetic practice, with the excellent coverage provided for obstetrical anaesthesia, and the advanced and efficient organization for the economic aspect of anaesthesia.

Vancouver is undoubtedly a very progressive teaching centre, and all Canadians and visitors from abroad will find much of interest there.

DR. WESLEY BOURNE HONOURED AT MCGILL

At the Spring Convocation of McGill University, Chancellor B. C. Gardner conferred the title of "Professor Emeritus" on Doctor Wesley Bourne. Doctor Bourne commenced his pioneer work in the completely new specialty of Anaesthesia back in 1912. In recognition of his teaching ability, he was appointed the first Professor of Anaesthesia at McGill University in 1942, a position which he held with honor and distinction for a period of ten years.

Doctor Bourne's many friends across Canada will be happy to learn of this honor, which he so richly deserves.

Doctor Karl E. Hollis, former Superintendent of Sunnybrook Hospital, has been appointed representative of The Canadian Commission on Hospital Accreditation. Doctor Hollis was for many years a member of The Anaesthetic Staff of the Toronto Western Hospital and was Head of that Department for some time prior to his enlistment in the R.C.A.M.C. in World War II. He held the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and was Commanding Officer of Chorley Park Military Hospital and later the hospital ship "Lady Nelson". Following his demobilization, he was appointed Superintendent of Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, a position which he held until the time of his retirement last year.