

## NEWS LETTER

### SASKATCHEWAN DIVISION

The Saskatchewan Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society and the Anaesthetic Section of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan held a joint meeting, under the chairmanship of Dr. D. F. McAlpine, on October 19, 1962.

Dr. M. Vivyan Morton, who has practised in Saskatoon for many years, has taken up residence in Ottawa.

### ONTARIO DIVISION

The Ontario Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society and the Section of Anaesthesia of the Ontario Medical Association held a very successful joint meeting in Ottawa on October 19 and 20, 1962. The programme was excellent and the meeting was very well attended. The Executive of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society was elected by vote at the business meeting. Because of the departure of Dr. Law to Ghana and Dr. Russell to Nigeria, Dr. Vandewater and Colonel Edwards were elected as Members of Council until the next Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society in 1963.

Dr. J. E. Marshall, who was on the staff of the Hamilton General Hospital, passed away on October 25.

### QUEBEC DIVISION

L'Académie des Anesthésiologistes a tenu son assemblée à Montréal, les 15, 16 et 17 octobre. Le programme fut des plus intéressants, et tous furent enchantés de la réception au point de vue social.

Samedi, le 27 octobre 1962, avait à lieu à l'Hôpital Queen Elizabeth de Montréal l'assemblée d'automne de la Société Canadienne des Anesthésistes Inc. (division du Québec).

Après l'assemblée du Conseil, avait lieu l'assemblée générale au "Griffith Memorial Hall." L'assemblée générale a été des plus vivantes; il y eut rapport des activités des différents comités. Le lunch eut lieu à la cafétéria de l'hôpital, et nous eûmes le plaisir de dîner en compagnie des confrères venus des quatre coins de la province. La délégation de la vieille Capitale était importante, ce qui démontre l'esprit de corps et de cordialité qui règne chez les anesthésistes du Québec. Tout au cours de la réunion, la traduction simultanée a fait totalement disparaître l'inconvénient des langues. En passant, le rendement a été excellent, et nous osons espérer que cette initiative se répétera.

Après le lunch, nous avons visité le centre opératoire, le laboratoire de recherche anesthésique et l'Unité de Soins Intensifs. Le docteur Harold Griffith, cerveau directeur de ces réalisations, mérite tous les éloges. En plus d'un équipement des

plus modernes, nous avons constaté que le bloc opératoire a été construit en vue du meilleur rendement du service d'anesthésie.

La réunion scientifique s'est ouverte par le mot de bienvenue du docteur Griffith et de sa présentation sur l'organisation matérielle, le but et les avantages de l'Unité des Soins Intensifs. Le docteur H. Gillies a ensuite traité du problème des brûlés soumis à l'anesthésie, suivie du docteur H. Don qui nous a parlé de la "résistance du poumon à la pression d'air durant l'anesthésie." Le docteur W. G. Cullen, chef du service d'anesthésie de l'Hôpital Queen Elizabeth, a présenté un travail sur le "traitement efficace des dépressions médicamenteuses sans l'emploi d'analeptiques."

Après une courte pause, le conférencier invité le docteur B. R. Fink de l'Université Columbia de New-York a parlé des "principes d'équilibre acide-base en anesthésie"; sa présentation a été à la fois claire, précise et pratique.

Les épouses des congressistes se sont jointes à eux pour la réunion sociale, où un coquetel a déridé et reposé les esprits. Un excellent dîner a été servi, égayé par de la musique de folklore canadien exécutée par Alan Mills et son "violoneux." Il y eut danse au son d'un excellent orchestre.

Félicitations au président et au conseil pour leur magnifique travail.

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The fall meeting of the Quebec Division was held on October 27, 1962, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

A noteworthy feature of the morning business meetings was the report of the newly formed Anaesthesia Study Committee. Dr. Rosario Denis, Dr. Jean Laporte, and Dr. David Power reviewed their initial recommendations, and urged that members throughout the Province submit the details of deaths and serious complications, particularly during the first twenty-four hours after anaesthesia. The educational aspect of these studies is to be emphasized, and various suggestions were received as to how the lessons to be learned could be most effectively disseminated.

In the afternoon Dr. Harold Griffith welcomed the members and guests, and gave a brief review of the work of the Intensive Care Unit in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, of which he is the Medical Superintendent.

"Anaesthetic Problems in the Burned Patient" was the topic of a most interesting presentation by Dr. Deirdre Gillies, and Dr. Hillary Don, in association with Dr. Gordon Robson, presented a study on "The Resistance to Air Flow in the Lung during Anaesthesia" with particular reference to the effects of intravenous atropine in diminishing airway resistance.

Dr. Bill Cullen presented a documented review of the "Successful Management of Severe Drug Depression without the Use of Analeptic Drugs," commenting on the efficacy of the methods originally reported by Nilsson, and emphasizing the role of ventilation and vigilance in the care of these patients.

The featured guest-speaker of the afternoon was Dr. B. Raymond Fink, Associate Professor of Anaesthesia in Columbia University, New York. Dr. Fink gave a most

informative and lucid talk on the "Principles of Acid-Base Balance in Relation to General Anaesthesia." His observations on the changes wrought by hyperventilation were of particular interest to the audience, which numbered easily one hundred and fifty.

A most enjoyable social evening was subsequently attended by a vast throng of members and wives. Dr. Leon Longtin, Chairman of the Division, expressed the thanks of those present for the magnificent work accomplished by the Secretary, Dr. Fred Brindle, in ensuring the success of this memorable day.

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The Department of Anaesthesia of McGill University held their Fifth Annual Revision and Refresher Course during the week of September 17-22, 1962.

Examination Candidates were free to spend studious mornings, while clinical observation opportunities were available each morning in the various teaching hospitals for the benefit of general practitioners interested in anaesthesia.

The Staff of the Department, with the kind co-operation of several members of the University's clinical and basic science departments, gave more than forty afternoon and evening lectures and demonstrations during a very full and, it is hoped, an informative week.

About forty members of the Academy of Anesthesiology convened in Montreal from October 14 to 17, 1962.

Doctors Georges Cousineau, R. G. B. Gilbert, and Harold Griffith were hosts to the first reunion in Canada's metropolis since 1941.

A varied scientific and social programme was enjoyed by the group of senior anaesthetists from all parts of the United States and Canada, under the chairmanship of Dr. R. A. Gordon of another Canadian city.

The Academy is successor to the Anaesthesia Travel Club founded in 1929 by Doctors John Lundy and Ralph Waters.