

OBITUARIES

HERBERT BRUCE MACEWEN

THE DEATH OF DOCTOR Herbert Bruce MacEwen, a Life Member of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society, occurred in New Westminster, B.C. on 10 October 1970.

The deceased was born in Cornwall, Ontario, on 27 May 1886, the son of a Baptist clergyman. His family moved to British Columbia in 1892, settling first in Victoria, then finally in New Westminster in 1897.

His preliminary education was in New Westminster where he graduated from high school in 1904. Following high school graduation, he taught school and was engaged in other employment until 1911, when he entered McGill University Medical School, graduating in 1916 with the degree of M.D.C.M. and was recipient of the "Wood Gold Medal" for Clinical Medicine in his final year.

As was the custom at that time, he enlisted with the Canadian Army, serving overseas as a Medical Officer with several units in France and Flanders, including the battles of Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, Amiens and Arras. For valour beyond the call of duty at Arras, he was awarded the Military Cross in August, 1918.

On demobilization he spent a year in rotating internship at the Montreal General Hospital, and then established a General Practice in Kelowna, B.C. In 1924, he joined his two elder brothers, Howard and Cameron, in practice in New Westminster.

In 1934, the late Dr. MacEwen decided to undertake post-graduate training in Anaesthesia, and proceeded to Montreal where he spent a year under the guidance of the late Dr. Charles C. Stewart.

In 1935, he moved to Boston, Mass., where he was appointed Chief Anaesthetist at the Carney Hospital, and Assistant Anaesthetist at the Boston City Hospital, and was granted courtesy privileges in other Boston hospitals, including the Massachusetts General Hospital and New England Baptist Hospital. During this period, he continued his study of anaesthesia under the tutelage of Dr. Lincoln Sise of the Lahay Clinic.

The American Board of Anesthesiology was established in 1938, and in 1939, Dr. MacEwen became the one hundredth Diplomate.

He remained in Boston until 1941, when he returned to Canada and joined the R.C.A.M.C. He was Anaesthetist-in-Chief of the 16th Canadian General Hospital in England.

Returning to Canada in December, 1943, he was appointed Director of Anaesthesia at Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver. On his discharge from the Army in August, 1945, he joined the Department of Veterans' Affairs and remained as Chief of Anaesthesia at Shaughnessy. In December, 1945, on recommendation of the C.A.S., he was appointed Advisor on Anaesthesia for the D.V.A. in Canada and held this position until May, 1947.

During his tenure at Shaughnessy, he established a very fine Department of Anaesthesia, which included Dr. Kathleen Langston, Dr. Wm. MacK. Hall, and Dr. John MacKinnon. The first Post-Operative Recovery Room in B.C. (and the second in Canada) was established at Shaughnessy, and also curare was used in that hospital for the first time in B.C.

In May, 1947, he inaugurated, with Dr. Gordon Worsley, the Department of Anaesthesia at the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster. Dr. MacEwen remained with the Royal Columbian Hospital until November, 1959, when he retired from the practice of Anaesthesia. For several months in 1948-49, he was part-time Medical Director of the Royal Columbian Hospital. In 1949, the Royal Columbian became the first hospital in B.C. to have a complete Oxygen Therapy Department.

Bruce MacEwen was a pioneer in the introduction of modern anaesthetic techniques and practice in British Columbia. He was the first Secretary of the B.C. Division, C.A.S.,

and the first member of the C.A.S. Council from B.C. He was instrumental in promoting, and establishing, the fee-for-service concept in anaesthesia in B.C. As a consultant, he assisted in the establishment of the Department of Anaesthesia at the Vancouver General Hospital in 1947, of which Dr. M. D. Leigh was the first Director.

In recognition of his service to anaesthesia, The Canadian Anaesthetists' Society bestowed upon him a Life Membership in 1958. In 1960, he was honoured by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of B.C. by a Life Membership. He was also a Life Member of the New Westminster Medical Association.

The deceased maintained his interest in anaesthesia until his terminal illness. He was a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the Canadian Medical Association, B.C. Medical Association, as well as the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society. He was also actively interested in several fraternal organizations, namely the Masonic Lodge, the Elks and the Gyros. He maintained an active interest in sports.

His widow, one son, and a married daughter survive his death. He was eighty-six years of age.

His death is deeply regretted by his friends and associates in the medical profession in British Columbia.

DAVID JOHN POWER

DR. DAVID POWER died suddenly on 8 December 1970, at the age of 46, after a lengthy convalescence from recurrent myocardial infarctions that dated from St. Patrick's Day, 1967. It was with remarkable courage and Irish stubbornness that Dr. Power persevered through a series of cardiac arrests and periods of total incapacity, yet maintaining his intense devotion to his family and profession.

David Power was born 7 June 1924, in Tramore, Co. Waterford, Ireland. After attending Waterpark College he qualified in Medicine at the National University, Dublin, graduating in 1947. Following some experience in Anaesthetics in the United Kingdom, Dr. Power came to Montreal and completed the McGill Diploma program in 1954, during the course of which he won the hand of Suzanne Lengevin, the O.R. Supervisor at the M.N.I.

Dr. Power's postgraduate degrees included the F.F.A.R.C.S. (England and Ireland), the F.R.C.P.(C), and the Diploma of the American Board of Anesthesiology. From 1954-67, he was a member of the Anaesthetic Staff of St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal, succeeding Dr. Peter O'Shaughnessy as Anaesthetist-in-Chief in 1962. During this period Dr. Power was also a member of the Faculty of McGill University and held the rank of Assistant Professor from 1959. In 1967, he became Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anaesthesia at the University of Ottawa and Anaesthetist-in-Chief at the Ottawa General Hospital.

Dr. Power is survived by his mother, Mrs. Richard Power, four sisters and one brother in Ireland; and by his wife, Suzanne, and five children, Christine, Robert, Vincent, Patricia and Patrick all of Ottawa.