

NEWS LETTER

BRITISH COLUMBIA DIVISION

DR. FRANK McCAFFREY has been appointed Director and Head of the Department of Anaesthesia, St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, B.C. Dr. McCaffrey replaces Dr. C. Roach who has retired.

The new 500-bed Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver opened this spring with an anaesthetic staff of six Certified anaesthetists. Dr. R. Townsley was appointed Head of the Department at that hospital.

The Second Annual Refresher Course for General Practitioners conducted by the Department of Anaesthesia of the University of British Columbia and its affiliated hospitals was held on January 25-27, 1961. Forty general practitioners from British Columbia, Alberta, Washington and Oregon registered. The Guest Speaker was Dr. H. B. Fairley of the University of Toronto and the course was an outstanding success.

The British Columbia Division continues to maintain an active scientific programme throughout the year. The following meetings have been held:

August, 1960, Guest Speaker, Mr. Forrest Bird, Bird Respirator Company.

September, 1960, Dr. D. J. Pearce, Department of Anaesthesia, Southampton General Hospital, Southampton, England, on "Respiratory Insufficiency."

October, 1960, Dr. E. Daniels, Department of Pharmacology, University of British Columbia on "Recent Advances in Pharmacology of Interest to the Anaesthetist."

November, 1960, Dr. David Power, St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal, Que., on "A New Technique for the Control of Labor Pains."

January, 1961, Dr. H. B. Fairley, University of Toronto, on "Respiratory Problems."

February, 1961, Dr. J. Abajian, Professor of Anaesthesia, University of Vermont, on "Fluothane Studies."

Dr. J. V. Taylor who has completed his Fellowship training at the University of British Columbia has joined the staff of the Department of Anaesthesia at the University of Washington, Seattle.

Dr. W. A. Doll, formerly on the staff of the Edmonton General Hospital has joined Associated Anaesthetic Services and the Department of Anaesthesia at the Vancouver General Hospital.

Dr. Guy Screech who recently completed his training at the University of British Columbia has joined Associated Anaesthetic Services and the Department of Anaesthesia at the Vancouver General Hospital.

Dr. F. G. Williams who recently completed his training at the University of British Columbia has joined the staff of the new Lions Gate Hospital, North Vancouver.

Dr. M. Hiddleston, formerly on the staff of St. Mary's Hospital, New Westminster has joined the staff of the new Lions Gate Hospital, North Vancouver.

Dr. Irene Millar who recently completed her Fellowship training at the University of British Columbia has joined the staff of the new Lions Gate Hospital, North Vancouver.

Dr. J. B. Harland, formerly on the staff of the University of Saskatoon Hospital, has established private practice in Anaesthesia in Kelowna, B.C.

SASKATCHEWAN DIVISION

The Advisory Planning Committee of the Province of Saskatchewan on Medical Care, the "Thompson" Committee, which has been charged by the provincial government to submit its recommendations for a comprehensive medical care programme in Saskatchewan, has recently concluded public hearings in Regina and Saskatoon. Amongst others, briefs were presented by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan and by the College of Medicine of the University of Saskatchewan. The brief by the College of Physicians and Surgeons contained a sub-brief submitted by the Section on Anaesthesia of the College, which outlines in detail the history of the speciality of anaesthesia in this province and sets forth the views of the members of the Section on future developments. The brief of the College of Medicine which dealt with problems of medical education and research was a consolidated submission in which the views of the Department of Anaesthesia were included.

Dr. T. Pimblett having completed his training at the General Hospital, St. John's, Newfoundland, has been appointed Instructor in Anaesthesia at the University Hospital, Saskatoon, with effect from January 1, 1961.

MANITOBA DIVISION

The Winnipeg anaesthetists were hosts during the month of February to Dr. M. Holmdahl, Professor of Anaesthesia at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

Dr. John Abajian, Professor of Anaesthesia, University of Vermont, visited the Manitoba Division during the month of February.

Dr. T. Johanasson has joined the Department of Anaesthesia at the Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg.

ONTARIO DIVISION

The University of Toronto has announced the appointment of Dr. R. A. Gordon as Head of the Department of Anaesthesia in the rank of Professor, to succeed Dr. S. M. Campbell on his retirement on July 1, 1961.

Dr. D. W. S. Best has been appointed Chief of Service in Anaesthesia and a member of the Board of Governors of the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, Burlington, Ontario. This 240-bed hospital opened its doors on February 1, 1961. Associated with Dr. Best are Dr. J. K. H. Culverhouse, formerly of Cornwall,

Ontario, and Dr. J. E. Marshall and Dr. D. C. Aikenhead, both of Burlington.

The Department of Anaesthesia of Queen's University have included the following guest speakers in their 1960-61 programme: Dr. E. H. Botterell, Dr. H. B. Fairley, Dr. R. W. Gunton, and Dr. S. M. Campbell of Toronto; Dr. A. B. Noble, Montreal; Dr. D. M. Little, Hartford, Connecticut; Dr. J. P. Payne, London, England.

The Ontario Division will hold a meeting at Kingston on October 6 and 7, 1961. This meeting will be preceded by a three-day refresher course for general practitioner anaesthetists, to be presented by the Department of Anaesthesia of Queen's University.

QUEBEC DIVISION

About 50 anaesthetists attended the winter meeting of the Quebec Division, which was held on February 18, 1961, in the amphitheatre of the Montreal General Hospital. The guest speaker, Professor E. Trier Mörch, gave a delightfully entertaining lecture on "Hyperventilation." He stressed the importance of ventilation, not only during anaesthesia, but also as an integral part of the treatment of ventilatory insufficiency owing to such conditions as crushing chest injuries, bulbar polio, and barbiturate poisoning. Professor Mörch enlivened his presentation not only by his own inimitable wit, but also by showing a moving picture depicting the effect of ventilatory pressures on the micro-circulation in the wing of the bat. Dr. John Price, of the resident staff of the Montreal General Hospital, also delivered a paper concerning anaesthesia in upper abdominal surgery. Business meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Division as a whole were also held, as well as a reception and dinner for the members and their wives. There were no speeches.

DIVISION DU QUÉBEC

Samedi, le 18 février 1961, avait lieu au Montreal General Hospital, la réunion du printemps de la section du Québec de la Société Canadienne des Anesthésistes.

(a) A la réunion d'affaires tenue l'avant-midi, le président sortant de charge, le docteur David Power, annonçait que la division du Québec avait enfin obtenu depuis quelques mois son incorporation. Le docteur Léon Longtin était élu à l'unanimité le nouveau président de la section du Québec—Sincères félicitations et tout le succès désiré.

Les docteurs Roger Gagnon et J. B. I. Sutherland du Comité Economique permanent faisaient rapport de leurs entrevues récentes avec les différentes compagnies d'assurance, avec l'Association Médicale Canadienne, avec l'Association des Médecins de Langue française. Une liste des honoraires minima, basés sur l'opération pratiquée a été envoyée au Collège des Médecins et Chirurgiens de la province de Québec; elle doit être étudiée par cet organisme en présence des représentants de la spécialité incessamment. Une fois acceptés, cette liste d'honoraires servira de base aux pourparlers futurs avec les différents organismes avec lesquels nous aurons à traiter.

(b) Dans l'après-midi, avait lieu la réunion scientifique. L'invité d'honneur était le docteur Trier Mörch, de Chicago University, qui a évidemment traité de ventilation. Le docteur Mörch, avec le dynamisme qu'on lui connaît, a parlé de l'utilité du ventilateur dans les traumatismes thoraciques avec fractures multiples; il a également démontré l'effet de la ventilation sur la circulation. Son exposé était illustré de deux films des plus démonstratifs.

(c) La réunion a été clôturée par un souper succulent, dans une atmosphère de cordialité, où il fait plaisir se retrouver aussi souvent que l'occasion s'en présente.

Les 6 et 9 février, nous étions les invités à l'Hôpital saint-Joseph de Rosemont de la Société de Physiologie et de Pneumatologie de Montréal. Les docteurs André Cournand, de l'Université Columbia, Pierre Nadeau et François Laramée de l'Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal. A. E. DuBois, D. V. Bates et Maurice MacGregor du Royal Victoria étaient les conférenciers invités. Les sujets traités ont été du plus grand intérêt pour nous anesthésiologues: tableau clinique des insuffisances respiratoires; ventilation et perfusion pulmonaires dans l'emphysème; diagnostic et traitement de l'insuffisance respiratoire aiguë; troubles circulatoires dans la défaillance respiratoire.

Les 13, 14 et 15 février derniers, le docteur Louis Lamoureux organisait pour la région de Montréal, à l'Hôpital Notre-Dame, un symposium sur le Fluothane. Les membres du Service d'Anesthésie de l'Hôpital Notre-Dame, les docteurs Guy Fortin, Kieri-Szanto, Gilles Cossette, François Lafleur, R. Denis, Jean-Paul Brunelle, Jean-Paul Lavallée et Jean-Luc Perreault prenaient part tant aux travaux théoriques qu'aux démonstrations cliniques. Les docteurs John Abajian, professeur d'anesthésie de l'Université de Vermont, et le docteur G. B. Gilbert, professeur d'anesthésie de l'Université McGill, étaient les conférenciers invités.

Les docteurs Léon Longtin, Eug. Allard, et Simon Dombrowski ont fait dernièrement un stage d'étude à Washington pour assister aux cours du Dr. S. N. Albert, sur la détermination des volumes sanguins au moyen de l'Isotope Cr 51.

Le Dr Jean Guy Patoine, après avoir passé avec succès ses examens au Collège Royal du Canada et au Collège des Médecins et Chirurgiens de la Province de Québec, fait maintenant partie de l'équipe de Service d'Anesthésie de l'Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus à Québec.