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Minutes of the Executive of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia, 1946

THE annual meeting of the Executive of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia was held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, N. S., on Tuesday, October 9th, 1946, at 2.50 p.m.

Present: Dr. A. E. Blackett, President; Dr. N. H. Gosse, Dr. H. G. Grant, Dr. W. L. Muir, Dr. Margaret E. B. Gosse, Dr. M. G. Tompkins, Dr. A. L. Sutherland, Dr. A. Ernest Doull, Dr. R. O. Jones, Dr. H. W. Schwartz, Dr. A. G. MacLeod, Dr. P. S. Cochrane, Dr. H. E. Kelley, Dr. G. A. Dunn, Dr. J. S. Murray, Dr. H. K. MacDonald, Dr. J. G. B. Lynch, Dr. P. E. Belliveau, Dr. D. F. McInnis, Dr. W. A. Hewat, Dr. A. M. Arbuckle, Dr. J. S. Robertson, Dr. D. M. Cochrane, Dr. S. Marcus, Dr. H. J. Martin, Dr. Wallace Wilson and Dr. A. D. Kelly, President and Assistant Secretary respectively of the Canadian Medical Association.

The President called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Dr. P. S. Cochrane and seconded by Dr. R. O. Jones that the minutes of last year's meeting as published in the MEDICAL BULLETIN of November, 1945, be accepted as read. Carried.

The Secretary read the motion of Dr. N. H. Gosse made at the semi-annual executive meeting in November, 1945—"that at the next annual meeting there be introduced an amendment to the By-Laws, Article XIII, to enable the publishing of a notice of motion in the NOVA SCOTIA MEDICAL BULLETIN three months before an annual meeting to have the same effect and force as a special meeting under the wording of the present By-Laws." The Secretary stated that such a motion was not quite in order, as according to the By-Laws—"The Constitution and By-Laws of the Society shall not be repealed, added to, or amended, unless by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting at which such alteration shall be submitted, and unless notice of such resolution to alter shall have been given in writing to the Society at the next preceding annual or at a special meeting of the Society, and incorporated by him in the notices calling the meeting." As Dr. Gosse's motion had been given at an executive meeting it was not strictly in order. It would have to be put up at the general meeting, and run for a year and then put into effect. It was moved by Dr. H. K. MacDonald and seconded by Dr. J. G. B. Lynch that Dr. Gosse's notice of motion be brought up at the first general meeting. Carried.

The motion of Dr. M. G. Tompkins at the semi-annual executive meeting in November, 1945—"that a levy of \$5.00 be put on each doctor for the next three years in order to raise funds for special purposes" had been withdrawn by Dr. Tompkins in a letter dated August 25, 1946, as follows:

I beg to withdraw my notice of motion which I gave at a meeting of the Executive in Halifax last November. As you may recall I gave notice of motion to increase the dues to The Medical Society by five dollars to defray the expenses of delegates attending various meetings held in the interests of our Society. I consider that possibly this increase would only mean that some of our present members would withdraw from the Society. Hence the increase would defeat its purpose."

The following three letters were read by the Secretary.

135 St. Clair Avenue West
Toronto 5, Sept. 18, 1946

Doctor H. G. Grant
Secretary, Nova Scotia Division
Dalhousie Public Health Centre
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Doctor Grant:

On January 24th we wrote you as per copy enclosed. On February 25th, we were advised by your President, Dr. A. E. Blackett, that an Advisory Committee had been appointed but the personnel has never been made known to us.

We have to-day received a letter from the Director General of Treatment Services reminding us that they have no Advisory Committee in Halifax, and, if the Doctor of Choice Plan is to be effective it is necessary that such a committee be appointed without delay. Will you please advise us at the earliest possible moment as to the personnel of your committee. I am sure you will appreciate the importance of this matter.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) T. C. Routley
General Secretary

January 24, 1946

TO SECRETARIES OF DIVISIONS

Dear Doctor:

Re Medical Care of Veterans

For your information, we are enclosing herein a copy of a letter just received from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

You will note in paragraph (4), the Divisions are requested to appoint an Advisory Committee of four members in each of the cities listed (in addition to Chairman).

Will you please advise this office, at your earliest convenience, as to the personnel of the committees in your Province, in order that we may forward the complete list of committees from all Divisions to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Your earliest attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) T. C. Routley
General Secretary

Office of the Deputy Minister
Ottawa

22 January, 1946

Doctor T. C. Routley
General Secretary
Canadian Medical Association
184 College Street
Toronto 2B, Ontario

Dear Doctor Routley:

(1) The Executive of the Canadian Medical Association at its meeting held in June, 1945, was informed that the Department of Veterans Affairs proposed, under certain con-

ditions, to make arrangements for veterans whereby they could exercise free choice of their medical attendants.

(2) At the same time, this Department requested your Association to appoint a Committee to act in an advisory capacity in all matters pertaining to this Family Doctor Scheme.

(3) This request was granted and the resultant Committee has been most helpful in its advice on many matters including a proper and satisfactory schedule of fees on the basis of which the doctors of Canada will be paid for professional services rendered to veterans.

(4) The Family Doctor Scheme will shortly be going into effect across Canada, and in order that the closest liaison may be maintained between this Department and the Canadian Medical Association, may this Department now anticipate the further co-operation of your Association along the following lines which are in accordance with suggestions arising from discussions between officials of your Association and this Department:

1. That the Canadian Medical Association, through the Provincial Divisions, will appoint in each of the following places an Advisory Committee to this Department; Charlottetown; Halifax; Saint John, N. B.; Quebec City; Montreal; Ottawa; Hamilton; Kingston; Toronto; London; Winnipeg; Regina; Saskatoon; Calgary; Edmonton; Vancouver.
2. That this Advisory Committee shall consist initially of a Chairman and four other members.
3. That this Committee shall be ready, when called upon by the Department, to advise and co-operate with the Treatment Branch of this Department on all matters pertaining to the treatment of veterans under the Family Doctor Scheme.
4. The chief function of these Advisory Committees will be in the maintaining of a high standard of medical practice for veterans. If the accounts rendered by any of the doctors are not considered proper by the District Departmental Medical Officer, the Central Advisory Committee, through the local medical society where the doctor practises, will endeavour to correct this condition. Similarly, where questions of the adequacy of treatment by any doctor are raised by this Department, such matters will be dealt with by the Advisory Committee of the Canadian Medical Association on the recommendation of the District Departmental Medical Officer.

(5) When the above Committees are appointed, may the Director General of Treatment Services of this Department be notified of the personnel of these Committees in the various centres so that appropriate instructions may be issued to all Departmental District Medical Officers.

(6) You are fully aware of the significance to the Canadian Medical Association of this decision of the Department in introducing the Family Doctor Scheme, and I am sure we may look forward to the advice and co-operation of these Committees.

Yours very truly

(Sgd.) W. S. Woods
Deputy Minister

Dr. Grant: "Mr. President, you sent me down a list of names and I consulted with different members and the reason no one has acted is that they felt it was a one way scheme."

Dr. Kelly stated that he had heard that point raised and thought that the function of the Committee would certainly extend to cover the point which Doctor Grant just mentioned. He thought that the closest relationship would exist and that it ought to work both ways. He said there was a further thing

which might be stated; it was decided that as this committee would be doing a useful work for the Department as well as for the profession, they would be paid a remuneration from the Canadian Medical Association, and the fee is at present \$10.00 whenever the Committee meets.

Dr. Wilson stated that this committee would represent the practising doctors in presenting views to the Department.

Dr. Lynch stated that where there were D.V.A. hospitals some controversy is apt to arise. He moved that the personnel of this Committee be left to the Nominating Committee, with Dr. J. R. Corston as Chairman, and four other members appointed who would be easily accessible to Halifax.

The next letter was one from Dr. Kelly concerning a schedule of fees for veterans, to which was attached a long schedule of fees.

Dr. Kelly: "A year ago this month one representative from each Provincial Division met in Ottawa and revised the schedule of fees to be acceptable all over Canada, this contained 953 items. This was accepted by Dr. Warner, Director General of Treatment Services, D.V.A., but was not accepted by the Treasury Board. In spite of representation made to individual members of the Treasury Board they asked that the C.M.A. reconsider this schedule. This was done in May and 516 items were deleted, which left 438 items. These 438 items were gone over very carefully at the annual meeting at Banff and approval was given to this amended schedule. It was then forwarded to Doctor Warner. The list is too long to read, and was just sent for your information."

The following two letters were next read by the Secretary.

203 Medical Dental Building

Vancouver, B. C.

10th September, 1946

Secretary
Nova Scotia Division
Canadian Medical Association
Dalhousie Public Health Clinic
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:

At a recent meeting of the Nucleus of the Canadian Medical Association Committee on Economics a letter from Dr. T. C. Routley, concerning the D.V.A. Schedule of Fees (copy attached hereto), was read and discussed.

The discussion on this subject culminated in a motion that this matter be referred to the Divisions for further study and report.

It will be appreciated if this matter may be studied by your Division and a report submitted to this Committee as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) G. F. Strong, M.D.

Chairman, Committee on Economics
Canadian Medical Association

COPY

June 24, 1946

Dr. G. F. Strong

Medical Dental Building
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Doctor Strong:

Re: D.V.A. Schedule of Fees

You will recall that at the meeting of General Council in Banff the following resolution was approved:

"Whereas the question of the use of a general practitioner schedule and specialists schedules or the use of a general schedule as the official policy of the C.M.A. is a matter of fundamental importance as a matter of broad principle;

"And whereas this Council has embarked on the establishment of a fee schedule for the D.V.A. under such emergency stress of time that adequate opportunity for the study of the principle involved could be taken only at considerable disadvantage to the forwarding of the D.V.A. scheme, the launching of which we feel is demanded both by the veterans and the profession;

"Therefore be it resolved that the adoption of the multiple schedule scheme is done without prejudice and that the question be referred to the Divisions for study; and that a special committee be set up to correlate and report the results at a later date."

This resolution was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee on June 14th, and I have been instructed to refer it to the Committee on Economics.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) T. C. Routley
General Secretary

It was decided that this letter should be brought up at the general meeting and then turned over to the Committee on Economics.

The Secretary next read a letter from Dr. W. Bramley-Moore concerning status of full time D.V.A. medical men, and it was decided that as this did not apply to this Society that the letter should be filed. (It was later discovered that this letter should really have gone to the Provincial Registrar, and the letter was forwarded to him.)

The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Dr. A. D. Kelly dated August 15th, concerning Senior or Life Membership, and that he was able to answer all the points contained in the letter, except the last one, which was as follows—"As you know, one of the purposes of this survey membership qualifications is to determine whether ordinary membership in the C.M.A. might be conferred on Divisional Senior or Life Members, the Division agreeing to reimburse the C. M. A. to the extent of \$4.00 for each such Divisional Senior Member."

It was moved by Dr. J. G. B. Lynch and seconded by Dr. N. H. Gosse that The Medical Society of Nova Scotia pay the \$4.00 of any honorary member in this Society until such time as they become senior members of the C. M. A. Carried.

A letter from Edgar W. Mingo was not read as it had already been published in the NOVA SCOTIA MEDICAL BULLETIN.

The Secretary next read the following letter.

Dr. H. G. Grant
Dalhousie Public Health Clinic
Morris Street
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:

I saw Dr. Blackett in New Glasgow last week and inquired about the programme for our October meeting. He informed me that you had planned our programme for this meeting. I suggested that we invite the Director of Industrial Hygiene, Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, as one of our lecturers. Industrial Medicine is a new field in this Province and his presence would help to stimulate interest among our industrial physicians. Dr. Blackett suggested that I write you re the above.

Yours truly

(Sgd.) A. M. Arbuckle, M.D.
Chairman, Industrial Medical Committee

It was suggested that this letter be passed on to the semi-annual executive meeting for consideration in next year's programme.

The following letter was next read by the Secretary.

November 9, 1945

Dr. H. G. Grant
Dear Doctor:

I have before me your letter notifying me of my nomination again on the Historical Committee. I have been on this committee for a few years and very little is done.

I have an idea in my mind. I should think that a historical paper should be given at all our conventions, and if suitable, at the banquet—before the wives and daughters of the doctors of this Province. You know yourself that medical history is important, and very much so in order to awaken interest among the members of the medical profession. We would have no English literature if it hadn't been for Shakespeare, Johnson, Milton, Pope, Goldsmith, etc. We would have no French literature if Corneille, Racine, Moliere, Voltaire, Chateaubriand, had not lived. At College, the thing we all do, the great thing we all do is to study the Lives of Great Men. Longfellow gives us the very incentive to this in his Psalm of Life, which you know very well,

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

There is a young group of medical men growing in this province, and young men who want to make their lives "sublime." Why not consider the feasibility of going at this in the right way by authorizing the Historical Committee to begin this study, so precious to us all and so important.

Do not believe that I wish to blow my horn, I am merely suggesting this to you and allowing you to mention this to your best advisors.

Yours truly
(Sgd.) J. E. LeBlanc

It was suggested that this letter also be passed on to the semi-annual executive meeting for consideration in next year's programme.

Letters of appreciation were received from Doctor W. H. Robbins of New Glasgow for being elected an honorary member, from Doctor Jemima MacKenzie for honorary membership for 1946, and from Mrs. Katharine MacMaster and Miss Mabel M. Morrison.

The following letter was read by the Secretary.

135 St. Clair Avenue, West
Toronto 5, Ontario
September 10, 1946

Doctor H. G. Grant
Dalhousie Public Health Centre
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Doctor Grant:

As you are aware, I am leaving in a few days for England, and unfortunately will have to miss the Nova Scotia meeting in Halifax. This I regret exceedingly as I always enjoy the Divisional meetings, but not being twins, I cannot be two places at once.

I shall be thinking about you fellows when you are together, and would like in this way to extend my heartiest greetings to the Division, and express the hope that your meeting will be an unqualified success.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) T. C. Routley

General Secretary

Doctor N. H. Gosse moved that in view of all the counsel Doctor Routley had given over the years that a cable of greetings be sent to Doctor Routley, also expressing regret that he was not at the meeting. This was seconded by Doctor P. S. Cochrane and carried. As Doctor A. D. Kelly advised that Doctor Routley was either on his way by plane from England to Canada, or had already arrived in Canada, it was decided to send the wire to Toronto.

The following letter was next read by the Secretary.

New Germany, N.
September 8, 1946

Colonel A. E. Blackett, M.D., C.M.
President, Medical Society of Nova Scotia
New Glasgow, N. S.

Dear Dr. Blackett:

As a member of the Nova Scotia Medical Society I should like to bring before you a matter which I believe should benefit all members of the medical profession in this province and meet with their approval. With the annual meeting of the Society soon coming up, I am bringing the matter to your attention now, so that it may be discussed at the meeting, and if approved, action be taken on it immediately. It concerns the licensing of cars by medical men in this province. In some provinces, Ontario for example, the license plate for all licensed physicians and surgeons cars commences with a "D" followed by the number, e.g. D7216. This D prefixing the number is reserved for Doctors only. All traffic policemen and other authorities recognize this as being a Doctor's car, and certain courtesies are extended them as a group regarding traffic violations. In Nova Scotia, most of the doctors display a green cross or some similar design representing the medical profession.

However, there are other groups who also display a green sign (cross) with O.D. in small letters at the bottom, optometrists. If all medical men had similar prefixes, e.g. M.D. 63106, it would eliminate other professions from simulating the medical profession.

I am sure that if the Society as a group requested the Minister of Highways to have special license plates for physicians and surgeons it could be easily arranged. Even if there were an extra charge of 50c to \$1.00 for same in cost of license, I am sure that most doctors would not object as the benefits for courtesies extended would more than balance the extra charge, if any, imposed by the Department of Highways.

I would like therefore to have this suggestion brought before the annual meeting in October, and if approved by the Society, to have some member appointed and immediately contact the Minister of Highways to see if such proposal might not be adopted for the licensing of cars by physicians and surgeons during the coming year. The season is late and in all probability orders for new plates have been sent in already, but if too late for the coming year, it could always be instituted the following year.

Personally, I think the adoption of such as outlined above, would be of great benefit to the Nova Scotia medical profession. It is in practise in other provinces and in some of the States of the Union and has proved successful.

Trusting that this suggestion might be given some consideration at the next meeting, I remain

Yours very truly

(Sgd.) Allister L. Cunningham

It was agreed that this letter be passed on for consideration at the semi-annual meeting of the Executive.

The following letter was next read by the Secretary.

135 St. Clair Avenue, West
Toronto 5, Ontario
June 25, 1946

To Secretaries of Divisions

Dear Doctor:

Re: Pasteurization of Milk

At our recent Annual Meeting in Banff a wire was received from the Health League of Canada requesting the Association to pass a resolution endorsing pasteurization of milk and requesting Provincial Medical Societies and their constituent units to urge action by the various Provinces concerned.

The following resolution was passed by the Executive Committee:

That this Health League of Canada be advised that this Association is in favour of the principle of compulsory pasteurization of milk and will so advise the Divisions.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) A. D. Kelly

Assistant Secretary

It was moved by Doctor P. S. Cochrane, and seconded by Doctor G. A. Dunn, that the Society express itself as being in favour of compulsory pasteurization of milk in Nova Scotia. Carried.

The following letter was next read by the Secretary.

504 Southam Building
Calgary, Alberta
25th June, 1946

The Secretary
Canadian Medical Association
Nova Scotia Division
183 Hollis Street
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Doctor:

Re: Divisional Bulletin for Members of the General Council, C.M.A.

I note that Manitoba and your province, along with ours, are the only ones who do not offer their Divisional Bulletin to the General Council without charge. I am very interested to know whether it is your intention to follow the example of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Ontario. Personally I feel that if we give the Bulletin to the General Council without cost, that the Canadian Medical Association could in turn at least supply our members to the General Council with the Canadian Medical Association Journal without cost.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) W. Bramley-Moore, M.D.
Hon. Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary stated that the annual cost of mailing the NOVA SCOTIA MEDICAL BULLETIN to members of General Council would be \$452.00, and then read the following letter.

June 21, 1946

Dr. H. G. Grant
Dalhousie Public Health Clinic
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Dr. Grant:

Re: Divisional Bulletin for Members of General Council

At the Annual Meeting held recently in Banff, reports were received from the Divisions with regard to the cost to the C.M.A. (if any) of providing Divisional Bulletins to members of General Council.

According to the reports received, the following Divisions were willing to provide their Bulletins to members of the General Council of the C.M.A. without cost: British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario. The following Divisions do not publish a bulletin: Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island.

The remaining Divisions quoted the following prices for one year's subscription to the Bulletin for each member of General Council:

Alberta	\$244.20
Manitoba	243.35
Nova Scotia	452.88

After considering the matter very thoroughly, it was duly moved, seconded and agreed that this matter be referred back to the Alberta, Manitoba and Nova Scotia Divisions with

the recommendation that they give the question further consideration, and that all Divisions publishing bulletins be furnished with a Council mailing list in the event that they wish to send their bulletins to these doctors. Enclosed herein you will please find a list of the members of General Council.

We shall be glad to hear from you further in this connection.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) A. D. Kelly
Assistant Secretary

It was moved by Doctor H. K. MacDonald and seconded by Dr. A. Ernest Doull that a committee of three, consisting of Doctor Grant, Doctor Muir, with power to add, look into this matter and report at the semi-annual executive meeting.

Doctor A. R. Morton then entered and stated that at a meeting of the Nova Scotia Health Officers' Association held that morning the question of their annual meeting came up and the opinion of the meeting as a whole was that they felt they should have a whole day previous to the Executive meeting of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

Doctor M. G. Tompkins moved that in future the annual meeting be made up of three days, the first day to be devoted solely to the public health work, and the two following days to the business and clinical programme of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia, (this resolution was later withdrawn).

It was moved by Doctor W. A. Hewat and seconded by Doctor R. O. Jones that at the next semi-annual executive meeting the matter of co-operation with the Nova Scotia Medical Health Officers' Association re holding of annual meeting be considered. Carried.

Doctor Wallace Wilson, the President of the Canadian Medical Association: "Mr. President, I want to tell you how much we appreciate the opportunity of being with you at this your annual meeting and the Dalhousie Refresher Course. We are enjoying every minute of it and on behalf of the parent association I bring you greetings and best wishes for a successful meeting."

A further letter from Doctor A. D. Kelly, dated August 15th, in reference to his letter of June 26th, regarding senior or life membership, was then brought up, and is to be answered by the Secretary.

The following letter was next read by the Secretary.

403 Roy Building
Halifax, N. S.
October 4, 1946

Dr. H. G. Grant
Secretary, Nova Scotia Medical Society
Dalhousie Clinic Building
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Dr. Grant:

At a meeting of the Executive of the Nova Scotia Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, it was felt that there should be a close liaison between this Society and yours, and it was therefore unanimously decided that we should ask your body if they would agree to appoint an advisory committee to this organization.

Will you be so kind as to take this up at your forthcoming meeting.
With many thanks in advance for your kind co-operation, I am

Yours very truly

Canadian Cancer Society (Nova Scotia Branch)
(Sgd.) E. A. Hartling
Secretary

It was moved by Doctor J. G. B. Lynch that the Cancer Committee of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia be the body to co-operate with the Canadian Cancer Society, and that this be suggested to the Nominating Committee. This was seconded and carried.

The following honorary members were nominated:

Doctor W. L. Muir by Doctor J. G. B. Lynch.
Doctor T. C. Routley by Doctor P. S. Cochrane.
Doctor Dan Murray by Doctor W. L. Muir.

These nominations were moved by Doctor J. G. B. Lynch and seconded by Doctor J. S. Murray. Carried.

Report of the Legislative Committee

September 14, 1946

Dr. H. G. Grant
Secretary, The Medical Society of Nova Scotia
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Doctor Grant:

The Legislative Committee did not meet during the year as there was no business requiring consideration by the Legislative Committee arising during the course of the year.

Yours sincerely
(Sgd.) J. W. Reid, Chairman

It was moved by Doctor Reid and seconded that this report be received. Carried.

Report of Cancer Committee

The Cancer Committee of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia met to discuss and answer a letter received from Professor Boyd, chairman of the Cancer Committee of the C. M. A., asking for an expression of opinion regarding the disposal in part of the King George the Fifth Silver Jubilee Cancer Fund. This communication arose from a request from a provincial body for a substantial portion to further research efforts of that particular organization—or, failing the amount asked, the proportion corresponding to that subscribed in that particular province be made available.

Your committee invited Doctors S. R. Johnston and N. H. Gosse to join it in its deliberations and we were of the opinion that the fund should be used in a national rather than in a provincial way, and that the Canadian Cancer Society was the medium through which the greatest number would be likely to benefit.

The committee again met and contributed to the April number of the BULLETIN urging its members to support the Nova Scotia Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society in its campaign for membership and funds and suggested that The Medical Society of Nova Scotia appoint a medical advisory committee to give guidance to the provincial branch of the Canadian Cancer Society in its efforts to modify the ravages of this scourge.

H. W. Schwartz, Chairman

Doctor Schwartz moved the adoption of this report which was seconded and carried.

Report of the Committee on Public Health, Nova Scotia Medical Society

To the Executive and Members of The Nova Scotia Medical Society.

This Committee did not meet during the Society year for reasons that are quite obvious—no special or particular duty for them to perform, which can be taken as an indication of the generally satisfactory condition of the health of the public.

Epidemics of communicable diseases, apart from "Flu" and other seasonal were practically not in evidence. In this we have indeed been very fortunate. During the war years—now rather a trite expression—we had many anxious moments, entertaining a fear of a serious outbreak of some disease or other following in the wake of transit of large groups of people through our ports to and from the lands of the allied nations. This did not occur so we cross bridges before coming to them.

As a people we should be very thankful for the low incidence of the more serious transmissible diseases in this province. Typhoid fever and associates of that group are very seldom heard of—thanks to sanitation and other preventive measures. Smallpox is unknown and has been for a number of years, due in a great measure to the vigilance of public health and immigration bodies working as a co-operative force. Diphtheria is losing ground with a toll growing less and less. Preventive measures here again are the potent agencies.

Notwithstanding our favourable position we must not for a moment relax in our efforts to maintain that standing. Greater efforts are necessary for a big job to be done still confronts us. As yet we have a large number of our people unprotected against smallpox—unvaccinated. We also have a large number of our younger population unprotected against diphtheria and whooping cough—uninoculated. When these services are complete, we shall have gone a long way.

Another serious situation to contend with is that of venereal diseases. Provisions have been made for the proper reporting of all such cases for the purpose of treatment and follow up. This phase of the problem is still far below one hundred per cent. To physicians throughout the province we kindly send a request for assistance in this and other phases of public health work. Co-operation is and will be much appreciated.

(Sgd.) J. J. MacRitchie, Chairman

G. W. Turner

M. G. Tcmphins

L. P. Churchill

Doctor Tompkins moved the adoption of this report which was seconded and carried.

Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board Committee

Doctor H. K. MacDonald: "I have no report to present simply because there has been nothing to report. Just previous to the meeting I asked Mrs. Currie to contact the various members of the committee. I have been chairman of this committee for some years. Doctor H. L. Scammell did a wonderful work, and we all regret that he is not there now. However, all know Doctor A. B. Campbell very well and he will be just as efficient as Doctor Scammell. I interviewed the chairman a few days ago and he said that the relations between The Medical Society and the Workmen's Compensation Board were most satisfactory. Doctor Glen Donovan did a very great work for the Workmen's Compensation Board, and he has now gone to his great reward."

Report of the Medical Museum Committee

September 16, 1946

Dr. H. G. Grant, Secretary
Medical Society of Nova Scotia
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Doctor Grant:

I beg to report that no contributions have been made to the Medical Museum during the past year.

Yours sincerely
(Sgd.) K. A. MacKenzie, Chairman

Report of the Cogswell Library Committee

Report for the year 1945-46.

The records of the Medical Library for the past year show a slight decrease in circulation, probably due to the discontinuance of the accelerated courses, and an increase in the attendance of readers. During the term the library is open evenings and Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon, as well as full daytime hours. Consequently the undergraduates are provided with facilities for hours of uninterrupted study.

The total number of readers for the year was 13,529, a daily average of 55 during the term. Total circulation was 2,889. Total number of out-of-town loans 165. Although the total number of out-of-town loans was smaller this year than last (165 as compared with 273) there were inquiries from several *new borrowers*.

The doctors in the services continue to make use of the library facilities and are most appreciative of the privilege.

Several additions were made to the *Book Stock* during the year: 53 new books were purchased, 26 new titles were added to the MacDougall Collection and 45 new books were added to the Psychiatry section by the Department of Psychiatry.

Gifts of 75 books and 35 bound journals were donated to the library. These were chiefly from members of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia. Among these was Dr. Levittan's donation of Bockus, Gastroenterology, 3 v.

Current *Journal* subscriptions number 194 of which 114 are purchased and 80 are gifts. Nine paid subscriptions are gifts from doctors and staff members.

New titles are:

- (1) By purchase: *Acta pharmacologica et toxicologica.*
British Journal of Pharmacology and Chemotherapy.
Occupational Medicine.
- (2) By gift: *Canada's Health and Welfare.*
Epidemiological Information Bulletin (UNRRA).
Journal of the American Medical Women's Association.

The work of completing back files goes steadily on. This year we were able to fill in several gaps with material furnished by the Medical Library Association Exchange. However much remains to be done. Gifts of odd numbers of journals of the specialties are most welcome.

Inter-library loans amounted to 24 volumes during the year. We also added to our collection three microfilmed articles obtained from the Army Medical Library.

Expenditures for the year were as follows:

Subscriptions to current journals and back files.....	\$1,267.99
New books purchased.....	434.91
Binding.....	75.11
Incidentals.....	108.57
Salaries.....	1,720.43

G. H. Murphy, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Economics

Mr. President:

Your committee this year was mainly centred on Halifax, largely because of the possible implementing of the Government's plan of Health Insurance, and we were constituted by you, Sir, and the Premier of this province, the liaison group between our society and our law-makers. We have now to report that failure of the Dominion-Provincial conference this year to find any basis of agreement very definitely postponed the inauguration of any Government sponsored system of Health Insurance, and that, in consequence, we were not called upon to take any action in further putting the views of our Society before the Government.

In this connection your committee would express the view that the matter of Health Insurance is by no means a dead issue. Various forms of health insurance are successfully functioning in many places, and while we have not noted any great clamour for its extension in this province, nonetheless, it is felt that its success elsewhere, the occasional request for it here, and the success, from the patients' point of view, of the Blue Cross Hospital plan, will sooner or later create a demand for it here which will probably have to be satisfied.

This view has been given point by a communication just referred to us by our Provincial Secretary. It is from Doctor G. F. Strong, Chairman, Committee on Economics, Canadian Medical Association, and it is dated September 11, 1946. It is, in our judgment, important enough to give in full, as follows:

"At a recent meeting of the nucleus of the Committee on Economics of the Canadian Medical Association the following Clause 7 of the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Economics to General Council at the recent annual meeting was considered:

7. In relation to the attitude of the Canadian Medical Association toward plans of voluntary prepaid medical care, the Committee on Economics recommends:

- (1) That the medical profession in each province should attempt to meet public demand for prepaid medical care wherever it exists by providing a plan of prepaid medical care sponsored by the medical profession.
- (2) While the method and the timing of the introduction of any plan of voluntary prepaid medical care must remain a responsibility of the profession within a province, the principles underlying any such plan should be in accord with our general principles and conform to a broad plan for voluntary prepayment care to be worked out by the Canadian Medical Association.

"This matter has been referred back to the Committee on Economics by the Executive Committee for the necessary action to implement Section 2 of this Clause.

"In order to initiate the drawing up of a broad plan for voluntary prepaid medical care, it is felt that the underlying principles should be carefully worked out. As a starting point it was moved that the principles already enunciated by the British Columbia Division in respect to the granting of approval to prepaid plans be brought to the attention of the other divisions for study and comment.

"I am enclosing a reprint of an article describing medical service plans in British Columbia. You will note that the principles mentioned above are outlined on page 4 of the reprint.

"It will be greatly appreciated if these could be studied by your division and your comments and opinions reported to this committee.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) G. F. Strong, M.D.
Chairman, Committee on Economics
Canadian Medical Association."

The principles enunciated by the British Columbia Division appeared in the C.M.A. Journal 52, 411-415, 1945, and may be listed here as follows:

- "(1) That they are operated on a non-profit basis;
- (2) That they provide the fullest service possible;
- (3) That they are free from annoying restrictions and limitations;
- (4) That they are financially sound;

- (5) That where privileges are extended to associations the membership will largely fall within the low income group level;
- (6) That the promotional and administrative costs are at a low level;
- (7) That the right of free choice of doctor shall be observed;
- (8) That remuneration will be based on the schedule of fees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia;
- (9) That funds be protected and expended for the provision of medical benefits;
- (10) That the interest of the member is protected;
- (11) That patient-physician relationships be preserved as in private practice."

The article here referred to indicates that at the time of its writing, eight groups of employees had formed their own Health Association and have had them approved by the Council and the Committee on Economics of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia. They pay remuneration directly to doctors on the basis of the regular schedule of fees, with discounts as arranged between the Committee on Economics of the College and the Health Association.

During the year there was referred to us from the Halifax Medical Society a plan for medical services worked out by the representatives of the civilian employees of H.M.C. Dockyard, with the request that we submit it to the Canadian Medical Association for its criticism and advice. This was duly done and the Halifax Medical Society apprised of the result. It looked as if the dockyard group was trying to evolve a fair arrangement all round, and in consequence there were relatively few changes to be suggested. It is our information that these changes were readily made by the group, and that it seemed as though a contract on the basis of the local schedule would be sought. Further information, however, would indicate that someone had moved from Halifax to an industrial Ontario centre and had written back to say that the contract with the doctors there was a very much more favourable one for their group than was being considered in Halifax;—it was, in fact, one which found the doctors accepting a pro rata share of the fund if it was not great enough to pay fees as per schedule agreed upon—a principle which they knew would not be acceptable to Halifax doctors.

We believe that nothing has been heard of it since, which probably means that it was actuarially unsound.

In view of this your Committee would recommend;

- (1) That this Society subscribe to the principle of providing medical services on a pre-payment basis;
- (2) That in any plans which may be developed by or for groups of employees effort shall be made to assure that they respect the principles or conditions as set forth by the British Columbia Committee on Economics as listed above;
- (3) That at this annual meeting some expression of opinion be obtained on the amount of discount, if any, that may be considered from our schedule of fees, in contracts with such association;

- (4) That the incoming Committee on Economics of this Society be authorized to extend our views to the Committee on Economics of the Canadian Medical Association, so that their broad plan for Canada, which they envisage, may, in its creation, be as widely representative as possible;
- (5) That while your Committee on Economics will be expected to continue its study of this matter, your Legislative Committee be asked to give some thought to the matter and the form of the legislation which may be required to regulate organizations offering medical contracts.

Your Committee has been interested in the matter of the Schedule of Fees under discussion between the Canadian Medical Association and the Department of Veterans' Affairs. It has not at any time received any communication with respect to it but understands that the final product of the deliberations was a compromise that should be regarded as fair. The report will no doubt be made by our special representative on that Committee, Doctor Lynch. We would request that for purposes of record his report be made an appendix to this report.

Respectfully submitted

For the Committee on Economics

(Sgd.) Norman H. Gosse, Chairman

Doctor Gosse moved the adoption of this report and it was decided that as it was a pretty full report, it should be brought before the general meeting.

Report of the Editorial Board Committee

To the President, Executive and members of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia

During the period since the last annual meeting of the Society the BULLETIN has been issued monthly. Some issues have been better than others, some have been fuller than others, but always there has been one a month. This achievement, such as it is, reflects more credit on the two members of the Editorial Board of the BULLETIN than upon the Editor herself. Unfamiliarity with the possible sources of material would have been a great handicap to the writer had it not been for the experience and wide acquaintance of my colleagues. Also, during a prolonged period of ill-health last winter the support and co-operation I received, was greatly appreciated. I would like to include in this expression of gratitude the Secretary, Dean Grant, who has been ever ready with advice and help, and Mrs. Currie, who has been both efficient and patient in a high degree.

There have been no gross alterations of editorial policy during the year. An effort has been made to obtain contributions from our members who have returned from overseas service. Many papers by these writers have already appeared and have been varied in their style and content and generally most interesting. Some time ago the Editorial Board decided to discontinue the section devoted to Abstracts from the Current Literature, in favour of such case reports as could be begged, wheedled or cajoled out of the medical profession in the province. Up to the present the supply of Abstracts, which

have been in hand for many months, has not yet been exhausted but the end is in sight. I may say they have long since ceased to be Abstracts from the "Current" Literature, but they had been paid for, so we saw no reason to discard them. In the meantime a number of case reports have appeared, and it is hoped that more will follow.

Some time ago it was suggested in an Editorial Board meeting that some effort should be made to stimulate the art of writing among the fourth year students. It was thought that a small monthly prize might be offered for the best synopsis of the recent literature upon a certain subject. The material submitted could be judged upon several lines, not the least of which would be the style, to say nothing of grammar and even spelling. This suggestion we respectfully beg to put forward at this time and would pray that it be given serious consideration. Such a project might be the means of inducing a certain facility in the rising generation and might thus make the task of future editors of the BULLETIN an easier one.

Respectfully submitted

(Sgd.) Margaret E. B. Gosse, Editor-in-Chief

Doctor Gosse moved the adoption of this report.

It was moved by Doctor H. L. Scammell and seconded by Doctor P. S. Cochrane that a prize of \$10.00 be offered to the fourth year medical students as outlined in Doctor Gosse's report. Carried.

Report of the Pharmaceutical Committee

Yarmouth, N. S.
October 7, 1946

Dr. H. G. Grant
Secretary, Nova Scotia Medical Society
Dalhousie Health Centre
Morris Street
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Doctor Grant:

The following is a report of your Pharmaceutical Committee as appointed at the meeting in Kentville in 1945. The three groups of drugs which your committee feel should be dealt with are:

1. Sulpha Drugs
2. Barbiturates
3. Penicillin.

In spite of the fact that one member of this committee states that there is no counter prescribing of the Sulpha Drugs in his area, I feel that this is not true over the whole of Nova Scotia. In fact I feel quite sure that any person can obtain these drugs in most towns without a prescription. I feel that we have co-operation of the druggists of the Druggists' Association in their control. However, as in any other large group there are bound to be some who will not keep rules. This is also true of our own group. It is a common occurrence when dealing with V.D. work to find patients with a large supply, often as many as 100 tablets. Not only do they use this themselves, but also

they are dealing it out to their friends. I feel that the danger of such should be pointed out both to the druggists and the medical profession.

As to barbiturates there appears to be better control of this group of recent years. However, there is still some laxness both by the druggists and the medical profession. We would again call attention to the danger of addiction and would caution the medical profession in their prescribing of this group of drugs. A case has recently come to the attention of your chairman, where due to over use of a barbiturate, the person concerned was certified and sent to a mental institution for treatment.

As to the Penicillin group there is fairly recent evidence that resistance can be built up to this drug under inadequate dosage. Consequently, I feel that we should recommend that Penicillin should only be available to the public on prescription only. This is especially important in view of the recent development of tablets, ointments, etc., containing Penicillin in low dosage.

Due to circumstances, it was not possible for your committee to meet and the above report is largely that of your chairman.

Respectfully submitted

(Sgd.) J. S. Robertson, Chairman

It was agreed that this report should be brought before the general meeting.

Report of the Committee on Industrial Medicine

Dr. H. G. Grant, Secretary
The Medical Society of Nova Scotia
Dalhousie Clinic
Morris Street
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Doctor Grant:

The Committee on Industrial Medicine begs to submit the following report:

Your committee recommends:

1. That the Provincial Government establish a permanent division of Industrial Hygiene under the Department of Public Health.
2. A Refresher Course on Industrial Medicine for physicians engaged in this work, be arranged with Dalhousie University.
3. That the present committee be increased to five members, the additional members to be chosen from the Workmen's Compensation Board and the Medical Department (Industrial Medicine) of Dalhousie University.
4. That the County Medical Societies organize a division of Industrial Medicine especially those in industrial areas. (Pictou County Medical Society recently inaugurated such a division.)

In the small industries visited by your chairman, conditions were below standard. The following is an outline of a proposed programme for small industries for your consideration.

1. The personnel and scope of a medical service in a small industry is to be determined by the number of employees, the safety and health record and the nature of the work.

2. To be acceptable, an industrial medical programme shall be under the direction of a qualified doctor of medicine, licensed by the Province of Nova Scotia.
3. The industrial physician should have at least one of the following qualifications:
 - (a) previous industrial medical experience.
 - (b) attendance at an accepted post-graduate course in industrial medicine.

Beyond these basic requirements, the "Qualifications of an Industrial Physician," as formulated by the American College of Surgeons shall be taken into account in so far as possible.

4. The medical office for each plant should be located in, or as close as possible to the premises of employment. In general, the equipment of a small plant dispensary should follow the recommendations of the American College of Surgeons in 1939.
5. An industrial Medical and Health service should comprise:
 - (a) Supervision of industrial health and hygiene in the plant;
 - (b) Education in health and safety measures;
 - (c) Advisory services of official agencies such as the Public Health Department, Halifax, N. S., and Division of Industrial Hygiene, Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa;
 - (d) Disease Prevention Programme;
 - (e) Special attention to older, handicapped and rehabilitation cases;
 - (f) Pre-placement and periodic and post-illness physical examination;
 - (g) Treatment of minor injuries sustained while the worker is in the plant;
 - (h) Health consultations and temporary treatment with workers.

Respectfully submitted

(Sgd.) A. M. Arbuckle, M.D., Chairman
 J. C. Acker, M.D.
 J. C. Wickwire, M.D.

Doctor J. G. B. Lynch said he would like to congratulate Doctor Arbuckle on his report. It was agreed that this report should be read at the general meeting.

Report of the Membership Committee

Liverpool, N. S.
 October 7, 1946

Dr. H. G. Grant, Secretary
 Medical Society of Nova Scotia

Dear Doctor Grant:

The membership committee has unfortunately, very little active progress to report.

It would appear to us that the actual committee, as such, is a thing too remote in mechanism to bring direct results without appearing to offend.

Forgetting for the present the non-members, has the problem been approached from the viewpoint of considering the membership fee at the time of granting the license?

This could be renewed each year. This, I believe, is being done in many of our provinces at present and certainly guarantees 100% membership.

Yours truly

(Sgd.) D. K. Murray, Chairman

Doctor Grant moved the adoption of this report.

Report of the Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Medical Society of Nova Scotia
Year Ending December 31, 1945

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1945	\$ 3,511.06
Subscriptions	4,456.22
MEDICAL BULLETIN	3,178.34
Interest on Savings Account	6.90
Exhibitors (Annual Meeting)	759.10
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	\$11,911.62

EXPENDITURES

MEDICAL BULLETIN	\$ 2,313.35
Canadian Medical Association	1,940.10
Sundry expenses	888.71
Salaries and bonuses	2,100.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1945:	
Current account	\$3,279.24
Savings account	1,390.22
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	4,669.46
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	\$11,911.62

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Subscriptions	\$ 2,516.12
MEDICAL BULLETIN	864.99
Exhibitors (Annual Meeting)	759.10
Interest on Savings Account	6.90
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	\$ 4,147.11
Less:	
Sundry Expense	\$ 888.71
Salaries and Bonuses	2,100.00
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	2,988.71
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Net surplus on year's operations	\$ 1,158.40

COGSWELL LIBRARY FUND

The Medical Society of Nova Scotia
Year Ending December 31, 1945

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, January 1, 1945	\$ 97.40
Income	182.35
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	\$ 279.75

Adjourned Meeting of the Executive of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia, October 9, 1946

THE adjourned meeting of the Executive was called to order by the President at 9.20 a.m. on October 9, 1946, at the Dalhousie Public Health Clinic, Halifax, N. S.

Present: Doctor A. E. Blackett, President; Doctor J. G. B. Lynch, Doctor H. E. Kelley, Doctor H. G. Grant, Doctor W. L. Muir, Doctor H. W. Schwartz, Doctor M. G. Tompkins, Doctor N. H. Gosse, Doctor A. Ernest Doull, Doctor P. E. Belliveau, Doctor J. S. Murray, Doctor P. S. Cochrane, and Doctor A. D. Kelly, Assistant Secretary of the Canadian Medical Association.

It was moved by Doctor P. S. Cochrane and seconded and carried that Doctor J. G. B. Lynch be the Society's nomination to the Executive of the Canadian Medical Association for the year 1947-48.

It was moved by Doctor M. G. Tompkins and seconded by Doctor H. W. Schwartz that Doctor A. E. Blackett be the Society's nomination as alternate on the Executive of the Canadian Medical Association for the year 1947-48. Carried.

It was moved by Doctor H. G. Grant and seconded by Doctor P. S. Cochrane that nominations cease. Carried.

It was moved by Doctor J. S. Murray and seconded that Doctor N. H. Gosse be the Society's representative on the Nominating Committee of the Canadian Medical Association for the year 1947-48. Carried.

The following were nominated as members of the Council of the Canadian Medical Association.

Doctor M. G. Tompkins nominated Doctor H. W. Schwartz.

Doctor J. S. Murray nominated Doctor Hugh MacKay of New Glasgow.

Doctor P. S. Cochrane nominated Doctor J. P. McGrath of Kentville.

Doctor P. S. Cochrane nominated Doctor P. E. Belliveau of Meteghan.

Doctor N. H. Gosse nominated Doctor Eric W. Macdonald of Glace Bay.

As these five nominations, together with the incoming President and the Secretary, ex officio, and the representatives on the Executive and Nominating Committee of the Canadian Medical Association totalled nine, Doctor P. S. Cochrane moved that nominations cease, which was seconded by Doctor A. Ernest Doull. Carried.

Regarding senior members to the Canadian Medical Association Doctor A. D. Kelly advised that ten senior members are elected each year, one from each Division, and two from the Division in which the Association is meeting. They must have been in good standing for the immediate preceding ten years and must be seventy years of age.

It was moved by Doctor H. G. Grant and seconded by Doctor M. G. Tompkins that Doctor L. R. Morse of Lawrencetown be nominated a senior member. Carried.

It was moved by Doctor J. G. B. Lynch and seconded by Doctor P. S. Cochrane that Doctor G. H. Murphy be nominated as second choice for senior member. Carried.

It was moved by Doctor J. G. B. Lynch and seconded by Doctor P. S.

Cochrane that the following doctors be taken in as members of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia. Carried.

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| Dr. F. L. Akin, Springhill | Dr. J. A. Proudfoot, Inverness |
| Dr. S. B. Bird, Liverpool | Dr. H. C. Read, Halifax |
| Dr. B. Bernstein, Halifax | Dr. C. H. Reardon, Halifax |
| Dr. D. C. P. Cantelope, Lunenburg | Dr. J. B. Reid, Jr., Truro |
| Dr. B. K. Coady, Antigonish | Dr. R. M. Ritchie, Inverness |
| Dr. A. M. Creighton, Tatamagouche | Dr. D. S. Robb, Shelburne |
| Dr. A. B. Crosby, Halifax | Dr. H. B. Ross, Children's Memorial
Hospital, Montreal (from Halifax) |
| Dr. J. B. Crowe, New Germany | Dr. S. Green, Fairview |
| Dr. M. M. Davis, Halifax | Dr. R. C. Griffin, Antigonish |
| Dr. J. P. Debly, Mulgrave | Dr. L. G. Holland, Halifax |
| Dr. G. R. Douglas, Royal Victoria Hos-
pital, Montreal (from New Glasgow) | Dr. J. B. Jewell, Halifax |
| Dr. S. D. Dunn, Pictou | Dr. J. R. Kerr, Annapolis Royal |
| Dr. F. A. Dunsworth, Halifax | Dr. H. D. Lavers, Parrsboro |
| Dr. E. D. Dickie, Digby | Dr. P. H. LeBlanc, Little Brook |
| Dr. H. C. S. Elliot, Halifax | Dr. R. D. Lindsay, Halifax |
| Dr. J. R. Fiendel, Clark's Harbour | Dr. F. Gordon Mack, Halifax |
| Dr. Mildred Resnick-Glube, Halifax | Dr. J. S. Manchester, Halifax |
| Dr. C. L. Gosse, Halifax | Dr. G. E. Matthews-Sinclair, Halifax |
| Dr. C. B. Greene, Port Dufferin | Dr. J. K. Morrison, St. Peter's |
| Dr. L. Green, Fairview | Dr. S. Y. Shirley, Shelburne |
| Dr. W. I. Morse, Paradise | Dr. G. L. Silver, Sherbrooke |
| Dr. G. H. Murphy, Jt., Mayo Founda-
tion, Rochester, Minn. (from Halifax) | Dr. J. H. Slayter, Bear River |
| Dr. J. S. Miller, Halifax | Dr. S. C. Strickland, Halifax |
| Dr. C. J. Macdonald, Halifax | Dr. C. H. Smith, Liverpool |
| Dr. G. M. MacDonald, Shelburne | Dr. W. R. C. Tupper, Halifax |
| Dr. J. P. Macdonald, Sydney | Dr. F. L. Whitehead, Parrsboro |
| Dr. J. A. MacDougall, Arichat | Dr. B. R. Wilson, Halifax |
| Dr. I. E. Mackay, Stellarton | Dr. J. F. L. Woodbury, Halifax |
| Dr. V. N. MacKay, Halifax | Dr. Mary E. Young, Wolfville |
| Dr. D. S. MacKeigan, Halifax | Dr. N. A. Morrison, Musquodoboit Har-
bour |
| Dr. R. G. MacKenzie, Upper Stewiacke | Dr. G. M. Murray, Elmsdale |
| Dr. L. A. MacLeod, Malagash | |

Meeting adjourned at 9.50 a.m.

93rd Annual Meeting of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia, 1946

FIRST BUSINESS MEETING

THE first general business meeting of the 93rd Annual Meeting of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia was held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, N. S., on Wednesday, October 9, 1946, at 2.45 p.m.

The President, Doctor A. E. Blackett, presided.

It was moved by Doctor J. G. B. Lynch and seconded by Doctor J. S. Robertson that the minutes of last year's meeting as published in the MEDICAL BULLETIN of November, 1945, be accepted as read. Carried.

The notice given by Doctor N. H. Gosse at the semi-annual meeting November 23, 1945, that a notice of motion published in the NOVA SCOTIA MEDICAL BULLETIN have the same authority as a special meeting was brought up. The motion will be considered at the next annual meeting.

Doctor M. G. Tompkins' motion re additional levy of \$5.00 on members had been withdrawn by letter.

Doctor A. D. Kelly, the Assistant General Secretary of the Canadian Medical Association, spoke on the duties of the Advisory Committee to the D.V.A. in Halifax. His letter was published in the Executive minutes.

Doctor A. D. Kelly also spoke on the schedule of fees for veterans, and his remarks were recorded in the minutes of the Executive Committee.

It was moved by Doctor R. M. Benvie and seconded by Doctor R. H. Sutherland that the suggestion of the Executive dealing with the payment of the fee of honorary members of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia to the Canadian Medical Association be approved. Under this agreement the Medical Society of Nova Scotia will pay a \$4.00 fee for each honorary member to the Canadian Medical Association until such time as that member becomes a senior member of the Canadian Medical Association.

It was moved by Doctor J. G. B. Lynch that the suggestions contained in the letters of Doctor A. M. Arbuckle and Doctor J. E. LeBlanc, be adopted. Carried.

The Secretary advised that at the suggestion of the Executive he had sent a wire to Doctor T. C. Routley saying his presence was missed at the annual meeting and advising him that he had been elected an honorary member of the Society.

The Secretary stated that the letter from Doctor G. F. Strong, as published in the Executive minutes, had been turned over to Doctor N. H. Gosse, Chairman of the Medical Economics Committee. Doctor Gosse brought in the following:

Report of Committee on Economics on the matter of single or double Schedule of Fees

Regarding the above matter referred to us yesterday, your committee finds that the principle of qualifying men for the grading as specialists while possibly not now significant is calculated to have an important effect in the

future on raising the quality of medical service throughout this Dominion, and that therefore, nothing should be done to remove any incentive which might operate in the achieving of that result.

Your committee recognizes however, that there would seem to be some merit in the idea of a single elastic schedule coupled with the appointment or the election of a taxing committee for determining the limits of fees to suit the particular conditions.

Your committee submits that this is only one possible solution and that as there may be many others, the whole matter should be referred to the incoming Committee on Economics for study, and for report at our next meeting, and does so recommend.

(Sgd.) Norman H. Gosse, Chairman

Doctor J. G. B. Lynch moved the adoption of this report as read, which was seconded by Doctor N. H. Gosse. Carried.

Doctor R. H. Sutherland moved that the Nova Scotia Medical Society should recommend the compulsory pasteurization of milk. This was seconded by Doctor H. K. MacDonald. Carried.

It was moved by Doctor J. G. B. Lynch and seconded by Doctor P. S. Cochran that Doctor H. G. Grant, Doctor W. L. Muir, and Doctor H. L. Scammell be the committee of three to look into the matter of sending the NOVA SCOTIA MEDICAL BULLETIN free to members of the General Council of the C.M.A., and to report at the next executive meeting. Carried.

It was decided that the question of co-operation with the Nova Scotia Medical Health Officers' Association re holding of annual meeting be considered at the next Executive meeting.

Doctor H. K. MacDonald suggested that Doctor S. R. Johnston's name be passed to the Nominating Committee to be added to the Cancer Committee.

The report of the Editorial Committee, as published in the Minutes, was read by Doctor H. L. Scammell. It was moved by Doctor J. G. B. Lynch that this report be adopted, also the motion of the Executive re the \$10.00 prize to the fourth year medical students be adopted. This was seconded by Doctor R. H. Sutherland and carried.

Report of the Historical Committee

Halifax, N. S.

7th October, 1946

To the President and Members of the Medical
Society of Nova Scotia

Gentlemen:

I beg to report that your Historical Committee accomplished nothing of value during the past year. This was in a measure due to the death of Doctor M. D. Morrison whose talent in matters historical was well known, and who had the leisure to devote to a task which requires much painstaking research. There is ample original material available in the Provincial Archives to make several interesting articles a year possible in our BULLETIN. All that is required, is a Committee with leisure to devote to the task; residence in Halifax; and some historical discrimination. Apart from this I can only suggest that another attempt be made by appointing a Committee from different regions of the

Province successively to collect some local historical data and record it for publication before memories fail and records vanish.

Respectfully submitted

(Sgd.) H. L. Scammell, M.D., Chairman

It was moved and seconded that this report be received. Carried.

The report of the Committee on Economics, as published in the Executive minutes, was next read by Doctor N. H. Gosse.

Doctor Wallace Wilson stated that a non-profit voluntary scheme had been going for some time in British Columbia. They started out by financing it themselves, but appointed a manager and opened an office in 1936, they have grown quite rapidly, and now there are something like 40,000 members. It is a little bit expensive. They do not take in individual subscribers, only take in groups. The medical men find it very satisfactory, except for the time and nuisance in making out the forms required by these groups. They started out selling hospital as well as medical service, but with the coming in of the Blue Cross it is just medical service.

Doctor Gosse moved the adoption of the Report on Economics which was seconded by Doctor W. H. Eagar. Carried.

Doctor Blackett presented the names of the Nominating Committee as follows: Dr. P. S. Cochrane, Dr. W. A. Hewat, Dr. J. A. Noble, Dr. J. S. Murray and Dr. D. M. MacRae.

The Treasurer's report, as published in the Executive minutes, was next presented by Doctor Muir, who moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Doctor H. L. Scammell. Carried.

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Secretary for the year 1945.

The year 1945 has been quite active and full accounts of our activities have been recorded through the BULLETIN, so this report will consist in reference to important matters throughout the year.

In November, 1944, a committee made up of Doctor Perry Cochrane, then President, Doctor J. W. Reid, and the Secretary, called on the Provincial Medical Board to discuss arrangements with that Board whereby one hundred per cent membership could be attained. Two meetings were afterwards held and from this a resolution was prepared which was published in the April edition of the BULLETIN. The feeling of this conjoint committee was that it would not be wise to consider altering the Medical Act, and certain suggestions were offered regarding different classes of membership. The final decision on this matter was that we should let the matter drop for the present.

An Executive meeting of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia was held at Kentville on Tuesday, October 9th. This meeting received the reports from the several committees and passed many of them on to the annual meeting. It was decided here that we offer free membership to members of the Society who had served in the Armed Forces for one year after their discharge. This was done in co-operation with the Canadian Medical Association.

Another item taken up was the manner of the Canadian Medical Association taking the names off the mailing list for non-payment of fees. In the past after several notices from head office the names were removed and some of the

members resented this. The Secretary was requested to discuss this with Doctor T. C. Routley, and work out an acceptable plan.

The following names were recommended for honorary membership: Doctor W. H. Robbins of New Glasgow; Doctor L. R. Morse of Lawrence-town; Doctor G. W. T. Farish of Yarmouth; Doctor J. G. MacDougall of Halifax and Doctor C. J. Sparrow of Reserve.

An adjourned meeting of the Executive was called the same evening. At this meeting our representatives to the committees of the Canadian Medical Association were appointed, also members of Council of the Canadian Medical Association. There were two nominations, Doctor G. W. T. Farish of Yarmouth and Doctor H. K. MacDonald of Halifax, for the consideration of the Committee for senior membership in the Canadian Medical Association. As Doctor Farish had already been appointed a senior member of the Canadian Medical Association the final nomination was Doctor MacDonald. Eleven new members were voted into the Society. Doctor H. G. Grant brought before the Executive a scheme of putting third year medical students out as assistants to general practitioners; this plan received favourable comment from a number of the members present. Doctor Leon Gerin-Lajoie and Doctor T. C. Routley attended both of these executive meetings.

The annual meeting began on October 10th and in every way was most successful. The scientific programme was excellent and was strengthened by numerous contributions from the Canadian Medical Association team. Doctor Leon Gerin-Lajoie, Doctor C. A. Gauthier of Quebec, Doctor G. Gavin Miller of Montreal, and Doctor C. B. Peirce of Montreal all contributed interesting papers. From our own Society excellent contributions were made by Doctor G. G. Simms of Pictou, Doctor R. W. M. MacKay of Dartmouth, Doctor R. O. Jones of Halifax, and Lieutenant-Colonel T. M. Sieniewicz and Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. Noble.

The annual dinner was most enjoyable, brightened by the wit of Professor Thomas Dadson of Acadia, and by the speeches of the retiring President, Doctor Perry Cochrane, Doctor Leon Gerin-Lajoie and the General Secretary, Doctor T. C. Routley.

An innovation of the annual meeting was the display booths put on in the ballroom of the hotel by quite a number of the pharmaceutical houses and other firms selling surgical and medical supplies. Apparently the venture was a complete success both to the Society and to the firms displaying, and also perhaps a matter of no small importance the profit to the Society from this venture was something in the neighbourhood of \$800.00.

A special meeting of the Executive was held in the evening of October 10th for a consideration of the Dominion-Provincial proposals concerning Health Insurance. There was a full attendance and we also had with us Doctor T. C. Routley, the General Secretary, and Doctor Leon Gerin-Lajoie. Certain resolutions were adopted regarding Health Insurance, and it was suggested that a committee go before the Premier of Nova Scotia presenting our views to him.

At the second business meeting of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia the chief business was the receiving of reports. It was decided that a special meeting of the Executive be held dealing with the question of Health Insurance and to present our views to the Government of Nova Scotia. The report of the Nominating Committee was received at this meeting.

The semi-annual meeting of the Executive was held at Halifax on November 22nd, at 2.30 p.m. Doctor A. E. Blackett presided, and there was a full representation from all the Branch Societies. The chief business was the preparation of a statement to present to the Premier of Nova Scotia outlining the Society's views on the Dominion-Provincial proposals regarding Health Insurance. After some discussion a letter was approved and a Committee consisting of the President, the Secretary, and one representative from each Branch Society was appointed to wait on the Premier the following day.

Doctor J. G. B. Lynch gave a detailed report on the Committee which met at Ottawa to set up a schedule of fees for the treatment of veterans.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Halifax in conjunction with the Dalhousie Medical School Refresher Course the week of October 7th.

On Friday, November 23rd, the Committee was received by the Honourable Angus L. Macdonald and the Honourable F. R. Davis. The chief points stressed to the Premier were the formation of a representative committee for utilization and planning of the grant—that the grant should be unconditional—that Health Insurance should not be restricted to any particular stage—a recommendation concerning a change in the additional costs by each Provincial Government—and that the hospital needs of the Province be included in the study. We were given a very courteous hearing and there seemed to be no objection either, on the part of the Premier or the Minister of Health, to any of the views expressed. We were invited to keep in touch with the Minister of Health regarding future developments in Health Insurance.

This Committee reported back to the main Committee on the morning of the same day. Other items considered at this meeting were a request from the Canadian Medical Association that we furnish copies of the BULLETIN to members of Council. No action was taken on account of the cost.

Doctor N. H. Gosse moved that at the next annual meeting Article XIII of the By-Laws be amended so as to allow a notice in the BULLETIN three months before an annual meeting to have the same force and effect as a special meeting under the wording of the present By-Laws.

Doctor Tompkins moved that a levy of \$5.00 be put on every member for the next three years in order to establish a reserve fund. There was also considerable discussion about membership. Doctor J. C. Wickwire moved that if the Canadian Medical Association does not pay the expenses of the Society's representative to the Council that the Society pay the expenses of one member to the annual meeting or any special meeting.

The membership for 1945 totalled 350; of these 281 were conjoint members, one a member of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia only, 5 honorary members and 63 in the armed forces. This is a slight increase in membership over last year.

Obituary

(The members stood while the following list was read.)

Major George Pope Tanton, M.D., Dalhousie 1935, killed in action in Germany in February at the age of thirty-nine.

Robert Earle Patterson, M.D., McGill 1921, died at New York in February at the age of forty-nine.

Peter McFarlane Carter, M.D., Dalhousie 1907, died at Sydney on April 3rd, at the age of sixty-nine.

Matthew Allison Curry, M.D., University of New York 1883, died at Saint John on April 19th, at the age of eighty-eight.

John Bartley March, M.D., University of Michigan 1885, died at North Brookfield, Queens County, on June first, at the age of eighty-five.

Senator John Alexander Macdonald, M.D., Dalhousie 1909, died at Glace Bay, on June 11th, at the age of sixty-three.

John Frederick Lessel, M.D., Halifax Medical College 1903, died at Wolfville, on October first, at the age of sixty-four.

George Arthur MacIntosh, M.D., Dalhousie Medical College 1905, died at Annapolis Royal, on October 20th, at the age of sixty-seven.

Dougald Joseph MacMaster, M.D., College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, 1904, died at Antigonish on November 12th, at the age of seventy-five.

Respectfully submitted

(Sgd.) H. G. Grant, M.D., Secretary

Doctor Grant moved the adoption of this report which was seconded and carried.

Report of the Provincial Medical Board

(This report was not read at the meeting and is published for the benefit of the members.)

Halifax, N. S.

October 7, 1946

To the President and Members of The
Medical Society of Nova Scotia
Gentlemen:

I beg to report on the activities of the Provincial Medical Board during the past year:

Two regular meetings were held at Halifax preceded by two meetings of the Board's Executive Committee. At each of these meetings special problems relating to medical education and licensure were dealt with.

In the spring of 1946, there being no candidates for examination in the final subjects of the medical course, due to the accelerated war-time curriculum at Dalhousie, only examinations were conducted for the First Part of the Final Professional Examination by the Conjoint Examining Board. Dr. Eric Macdonald of Glace Bay was appointed Examiner in Surgery to succeed Dr. H. K. MacDonald of Halifax, whose term had expired.

Three cases in which the Board had an interest were brought to a conclusion. In one, an Indian herbalist, searching investigation failed to show sufficient evidence on which to proceed. In another, charges under the Medical Act were made but convictions were not secured. However, action brought under another Act has resulted in a conviction, and has been sustained on appeal. Further appeal may be made. In the third case the evidence indicated that besides practising medicine illegally the individual under consideration was also resorting to attempts at bribery. A conviction was secured on

the latter count and a sentence of two years in penitentiary imposed as he had a previous criminal record.

The Board has under advisement certain changes in the Medical Act tending to strengthen its position in prosecutions.

The Board continues to support financially the MacDougall Library, housed with the Dalhousie Medical Library, and open to medical practitioners throughout the Province. Practically every book asked for by the Library Committee has been purchased.

Respectfully submitted

(Sgd.) H. L. Scammell, M.D., Registrar

The Secretary then read the appointments by the Executive committee on the Executive Committee of the Canadian Medical Association, the alternate, the Nominating Committee, and members of the General Council; also the senior member to be recommended to the Canadian Medical Association, and the list of new members of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

Doctor W. H. Eagar moved that the personnel of the Workmen's Compensation Board Committee be changed and to it be added the one name of Doctor H. R. Corbett of Glace Bay.

With reference to the report of the Pharmaceutical Committee, Doctor J. S. Robertson moved the adoption of the report and that it be brought to the attention of the Pharmaceutical Society. This was seconded by Doctor W. G. Colwell and carried.

Doctor P. S. Cochrane seconded the motion of Doctor H. G. Grant that the list of new members as read be taken in The Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

Meeting adjourned at 5.00 p.m.

The Nova Scotia Medical Society

The second business meeting of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia was held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, N. S., on Thursday, October 10, 1946, at 8.30 p.m.

The President called the meeting to order and stated they were there to hear the report of the Nominating Committee which was as follows:

Place of meeting in 1947. To be decided by the incoming executive.

President: N. H. Gosse, Halifax.

1st Vice-President: Eric W. MacDonald, Sydney.

2nd Vice-President: H. A. Fraser, Bridgewater.

Treasurer: R. O. Jones, Halifax.

Secretary: H. G. Grant, Halifax.

Legislative Committee: J. W. Reid, J. W. Merritt, P. S. Cochrane.

Cancer Committee: V. O. Mader, S. R. Johnston, H. E. Taylor.

Public Health Committee: J. S. Robertson and executive of Nova Scotia Health Officers' Association.

Historical Committee: R. M. Benvie, T. W. MacLean, S. A. Dunn, with power to add.

Workmen's Compensation Board Committee: E. F. Ross, H. R. Corbett, Hugh MacKay, T. B. Acker, D. K. Murray and G. W. Turner.

Editorial Committee: M. E. B. Gosse, H. L. Scammell and C. M. Bethune.

Medical Museum Committee: D. J. MacKenzie and secretaries of Branch Societies.

Cogswell Library Committee: A. L. Murphy, H. D. O'Brien, D. J. Topping.

Medical Economics Committee: W. G. Colwell, A. L. Sutherland, J. A. Muir, H. A. Creighton, L. M. Morton, D. M. MacRae, P. S. Cochrane.

Pharmaceutical Committee: C. W. Holland, Hugh Martin, J. Sutherland.

Industrial Medicine Committee: A. M. Arbuckle with power to add.

Divisional Representative on Editorial Board of Canadian Medical Association Journal: H. L. Scammell.

Membership Committee: H. G. Grant and secretaries of Branch Societies.

Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee: J. R. Corston, J. W. Merritt, G. R. Forbes, W. A. Hewat, Fred Barton.

Doctor P. S. Cochrane moved that this report be received and adopted which was seconded by Doctor R. M. Benvie. Carried.

Doctor Corston: "I notice I have been appointed chairman of the D.V.A. Advisory Committee and that that committee will probably be a working committee and will require several meetings. I notice that several members live at some distance from Halifax. What I would like to know is has any provision been made for travelling expenses for that committee?"

Dr. Cochrane: "Two from the City and at least one from outside would be able to come in for meetings."

Dr. Corston: "If this committee is going to amount to anything, it will be essential that all outside members should come in."

Dr. Blackett: "Dr. Kelly said there would be an allowance of \$10.00 per meeting per man, paid by the Canadian Medical Association, and they would be reimbursed by the Federal government."

Dr. Lynch: "I think a request for travelling expenses should be sent to the Canadian Medical Association."

Dr. Blackett: "Our secretary will communicate with the Canadian Medical Association at once on that point requesting information as to whether travelling expenses may not be paid by the Canadian Medical Association."

Dr. Blackett: "Now that we have passed the new slate of officers, I would ask the new president if he would approach the throne. Doctor Gosse I have great pleasure in extending to you all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto."

Doctor Gosse said one could not approach the chair without being fully sensible of the honour and also of the expression of confidence which elevation to that office involved. He only hoped that this time next year the Society would have the feeling that this confidence had not been misplaced. In looking over the slate of officers he noticed that the Nominating Committee had swept from the slate most of those who had arrived at their very senior years and that only Dr. Corston and himself were left among the old fellows and that this was perhaps the sign of the times and that it would mean more life for The Medical Society of Nova Scotia. Quite a few of the names on the slate were returned men and he was glad that the Society would have the benefit of their experience.

Dr. Benvie said he would like to express the Society's appreciation of the retiring President; also that there was one omission which had been on the list for twenty-one years, the name of Dr. W. L. Muir. He moved that the Society express its thanks and appreciation of the services of Doctor Muir.

Doctor Muir: "I think you have stretched the years a little. I do appreciate your kind words very much but I must say that my powers as a financial genius are very greatly over-estimated. Were it not for Mrs. Currie and Dr. Grant I am afraid that long ago I would have been kicked out of office, and I wish they could share some of this glory which has been paid to me. It was not such a heavy burden, but I am very glad to be able to retire with the balance on the proper side. This was largely due to the innovation of the firms sending their representatives and putting on their exhibits. Very many thanks for the kind words that have been said."

Dr. Lynch said he had very great pleasure in seconding Dr. Benvie's motion for Dr. Muir's very excellent services over the years and he hoped that Dr. Jones would make as efficient a treasurer. Carried.

The members then sang "*For He's a Jolly Good Fellow*"

Dr. Muir said he would not promise but probably before the next annual meeting the Society would have a gavel.

Meeting adjourned at 8.50 p.m.

Editorial Comment

IT seems that precedent demands some remarks on the subject of the Annual Meeting. This gesture is a superfluity but no doubt it serves to give a certain focus to the recollections of those who were present. This year the Annual Meeting and the Dalhousie Refresher Course ran concurrently during the week of October 7th. The list of those attending has already been published and the minutes are in this issue. The registration was unusually large, especially so for a peacetime meeting. Exhibits were again a welcome feature and the longer period of the meeting gave all a chance to see and examine. The visiting speakers from the Canadian Medical Association and elsewhere were warmly received and heard with interest. The annual dinner was well attended and socially successful. Two other social events are worthy of comment. On the Tuesday evening a smoker was held at the Nova Scotia Hotel, at which all those who had served in the Armed Forces were feted by the Society. This was the "welcoming home" party of the Society and was enjoyed by guests and hosts alike. On Thursday, October 10th, a tea for the wives of the members was held by the ladies of the Halifax Society at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Alan R. Morton on Armview Avenue. It was a beautiful day and the magnificent view of the North West Arm added to the pleasure of the occasion.

Mention must be made of the retirement of Dr. Walter L. Muir as Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Medical Society. Dr. Muir had held this office since 1930 and deserves the thanks of all for his faithful service over so long a period. He is succeeded by Dr. R. O. Jones.

In closing we must end on a mournful note. Usually the papers given at the Annual Meeting and the Refresher Course enable *The Bulletin* to abandon its hand-to-mouth existence and live in comfort for some months. This is not the case this year. Many speakers spoke without notes, which made their addresses much more interesting to hear—but which deprives us of material. Hence we must have papers, case reports, articles or material of some sort in order to bring out a monthly issue. We trust our plea will fall on receptive ears.

M. E. B. G.

Personal Interest Notes

MEMBERS of the Nova Scotia Medical Society and other readers of THE BULLETIN will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Currie, secretary to Dean H. G. Grant, both as Dean of the Dalhousie Medical School, and Secretary of the Society, met with an accident on October 24th. Crossing Spring Garden Road on her return to the office after lunch, she was hit by a car and suffered painful injuries—the most serious of which was a fracture of both bones to the right leg. She is at present a patient on the Second Floor of the Private Pavilion of the Victoria General, and will no doubt be there for some time. We trust the time will not hang too heavily on her hands, and that she will be able to have a measure of much needed rest, once the preliminary discomforts are over.

Dr. C. B. Weld, professor of Physiology at Dalhousie University, has been elected president of the Canadian Physiological Society. This Society was founded in 1935 and membership is made up of persons who have conducted research and published papers either in the medical sciences or in experimental biology.

Dr. R. E. Brannen, who after graduating in medicine, served three years in the R. C. A. F., has recently received his discharge. He has returned to his home in Barrington Passage and opened an office.

THE BULLETIN extends congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Greene, of Sheet Harbour, on the birth of a daughter on October 29th. Also to Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Stewart, of Halifax, on the birth of a daughter, Moira Anne, on October 20th.

To Members of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia

In preparing for the next Dalhousie Refresher Course it would be a great help to me to have the frank opinion of the profession on the one just completed. If you feel that the programme was too long, or too short, that certain subjects were emphasized to the exclusion of others, that there were too few or too many contributions from visiting physicians, in fact, if you have any suggestions for the improvement of the Course, it would be considered a great favour if you would let me have them by letter.

Also I should like to know what the feeling of the profession is on the holding of the annual meeting of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia in conjunction with the Dalhousie Refresher Course. Do you favour holding the two meetings together in the autumn or do you feel that The Medical Society of Nova Scotia should meet alone at an earlier date?

Only by knowing the opinion of those who attend can we arrange acceptable programmes. So write your opinion now on the two items:

- (1) Suggestions for improving the Dalhousie Refresher Course.
- (2) Whether or not the Refresher Course should be held at the same time as the annual meeting of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

W. G. COLWELL

Chairman, The Dalhousie Refresher Course, 1946
Dalhousie Public Health Clinic
Halifax, N. S.

Obituary

ON November 8th in New Glasgow the death occurred of Dr. F. B. Day of Thorburn. Dr. Day was seventy-one years of age and had been in poor health for some years, though his last illness was short. He had practised in Thorburn for more than forty years and was one of Pictou County's best known and loved medical men. He was the father of Dr. G. F. Day of New Glasgow. The funeral was held in Thorburn on November 11th.

News was received in Hebron of the sudden death in Boston of Dr. Lee Marshall Crosby at the age of seventy years. Dr. Crosby was born in Hebron, obtained his medical degree at Dalhousie University, and practised as an otolaryngologist.

The death occurred suddenly on November 4th of Mr. William C. Acker, father of Dr. T. B. Acker and Dr. J. C. Acker, both of Halifax. Mr. Acker was eighty-four years old and had been for forty-five years a member of the Canadian Customs Department. The funeral took place in Lunenburg on November 8th.

The death occurred suddenly in Malpeque, Prince Edward Island, on Friday, November 8th, of the father of Dr. Pearl Hopgood, assistant superintendent of the Nova Scotia Hospital.

Mrs. Ida (Robb) Stewart, widow of Dr. George David Stewart, distinguished graduate of Dalhousie University and eminent surgeon of New York City, died October 26th, at Rumson, New Jersey, following a long illness, at the age of eighty-two.

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