

NEWS LETTER

NOVA SCOTIA DIVISION

The Nova Scotia Division were hosts for a Maritimes Regional meeting on November 3, 4 and 5, 1954. Guest speakers on this occasion were Dr. David M. Little of the New Haven Hospital, and the Department of Anesthesia of Yale University Medical School, New Haven, Connecticut, and Dr. R. A. Gordon of the Toronto General Hospital and the Department of Anaesthesia, University of Toronto.

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Dr. R. W. M. Ballem, Dr. C. M. Kincaide, Dr. R. A. P. Fleming, and Dr. A. S. MacIntosh are associated in the group practice of anaesthesia in Halifax under the name "Central Anaesthesia Services."

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NEW BRUNSWICK DIVISION

Dr. W. A. Oatway has returned from Montreal after completing the McGill Diploma Course. Doctor Oatway has been appointed Staff Anaesthetist at the Moncton Hospital, the Hôtel Dieu de l'Assumption, and the Moncton Tuberculosis Hospital.

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Dr. J. Arthur Dobson has returned to Montreal to complete his training at the Children's Memorial Hospital. During the past two years, Dr. Dobson has been practising anaesthesia in Moncton.

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QUEBEC DIVISION

La Société d'Anesthésie de Québec held its first monthly meeting for the new year on Tuesday, October 5. Papers were presented by Dr. Lucien Rinfret and Dr. Simon Dombrowski. Titles of the papers were: "Venous Pressures with regard to Bleeding in Operative Patients" and "Comparative Results in Different Types of Respirators." Both papers were delivered in French.

At the business meeting, the following executive officers were elected for the coming year:

President	:	Dr. William Martin
1st. Vice-President	:	Dr. Roland Duchesne
2nd. Vice-President	:	Dr. Irene Lapierre
Secretary-Treasurer	:	Dr. Adeline Comeau
Directors	:	Dr. Eugene Allard (retiring president)
	:	Dr. Gaston Comtois
	:	Dr. Paul Plourde
	:	Dr. Lucien Rinfret
	:	Dr. Paul Galibois

ONTARIO DIVISION

Dr. Virginia Apgar, New York City, was guest speaker at a staff meeting of the Department of Anaesthesia of the Women's College Hospital, Toronto, on November 1, 1954.

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Dr. John Blair, recently Resident Anaesthetist at the Toronto General Hospital, is now practising anaesthesia at the Northwestern General Hospital, Toronto.

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Dr. Doreen Caplin, recently Resident Anaesthetist at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, has been appointed to the staff of Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto.

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Dr. H. I. Axelrod has been appointed to the staff of Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, on the completion of the postgraduate course in Anaesthesia at the University of Toronto.

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Dr. Garnet Dixon, formerly of the staff in anaesthesia of the Toronto East General and Orthopaedic Hospital, has been appointed to the staff of the Toronto Western Hospital

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Dr. Charles Crompton has been appointed to the staff of the Toronto Western Hospital on completion of the postgraduate course in Anaesthesia of the University of Toronto.

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SASKATCHEWAN DIVISION

Dr. Gordon Wyant has taken up his duties as Professor of Anaesthesia at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

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A Western Regional meeting is being held in Regina in March, 1955, under the auspices of the Saskatchewan Division. The programme of this meeting will be directed particularly to the General Practitioner Anaesthetist.

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ALBERTA DIVISION

The annual business meeting of the Alberta Division was held at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, on September 28. Of particular interest was the first report of the Committee for the Study of Anaesthetic and Operating-Room Deaths. This committee, consisting of an anaesthetist, a pathologist, and a surgeon, was formed two years ago by the Alberta Division of the Canadian Medical Association on the request of the Alberta Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society. The committee has now completed the review of anaesthetic and operating-room deaths for its first full year of operation, from February, 1953, to February, 1954, and has submitted its first comprehensive report to the Alberta Division of the Canadian Medical Association. This report has been studied by the Alberta

Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society. Under its terms of reference this committee studies the chart of every patient who dies during or following anaesthesia and surgery within a period of seventy-two hours, and, where necessary, seeks fuller information from the physician concerned.

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The September meeting of the Edmonton Anaesthetists' Society was held on September 23, at the Garrison Officers' Club, in Edmonton. The Executive elected for the coming year, 1954-55, is as follows:

Chairman: Dr. Nelson Nix, succeeding Dr. Dave Moffatt

Secretary: Dr. Joseph Scales, succeeding Dr. George Moonie

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Dr. Abel Morales Orive, President of the Fifth Mexican Congress of Anaesthesiology, in forwarding the programme for that Congress (November 14-20, 1954) extended official greetings to the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society. Unfortunately, this programme was received too late for publication in the JOURNAL before the date of the Congress.

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Dr. Charles Stewart, Montreal, Dr. H. J. Shields and Dr. C. H. Robson, Toronto, Dr. D. Aikenhead, Burlington, and Dr. J. Blezard, London, Ontario attended the meeting of the American Academy of Anesthesiologists in Cincinnati in October, 1954.

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Dr. Harry Slater, Montreal, was the official representative of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society at the Congress of the Brazilian Society of Anesthesiologists in September, 1954.