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MONTREAL MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY

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Title: Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society Fonds

Dates: 1843-1955

Physical Description: 1.76 m of textual records.—1 photograph album.—2 realia.—5 photographs.

Administrative History: The Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society was founded by a group of general practitioners in 1843 in Montreal. Its first president was McGill Faculty of Medicine founder Dr. Andrew Holmes. The society's founders came together with the intent to establish professional codes of conduct, medical fee rates, and a death registry. Case reports were presented during the society's meetings and published as the *Montreal Medical Journal*. By the beginning of the 20th century, the society's activities were expanded to include annual refresher courses in medicine. Deans of McGill's Faculty of Medicine who have served as the society's president include Dr. Palmer Howard, Sir Thomas Roddick, F. J. Shepherd, A. D. Blackader, J. G. Adami, and H. S. Birkett.

Scope and Content: The fond consists of artifacts, bound volumes, photographs, and records from the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society. Included are correspondence, minute books, reports, monthly bulletins, a register of members, memorabilia, and albums of clippings and photographs.

Custodial History: Files 1-31 and 39-45 formerly part of the Medical Library Archives, accession number 544. These were transferred to the Osler Library in August 1976. All other items donated to the Osler Library in October 2013.

Source of Supplied Title Proper: Title based on the document of the fonds.

Language: The documents are in English.

36 bound volumes, 2 artifacts, and 2 boxes

Unboxed

Artifacts:

304: Inter-hospital squash trophy

305: Embosser

File 1: Correspondence

- 1884-1894
- 1895-1900
- 1943-1952

File 2: Library Report, 1895

File 3: Treasurer's Report, 1893-1895

File 4: Connerty Case. Medical Defence Association, 1899-1900

File 5-21: Minute Books, 15 vols., 1843-1964

Files 22-28: Council Minute Books, 7 vols., 1882-1964

File 29: Register of society members, 1843-1947.

File 30-31: Medical Tariffs

Box 1

File 32: Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society Bursaries

- Letter from Christina Armeni to Blair Whittemore, 24 August 2011, with accompanying materials.
- Letter from Richard I. Levin to Blair Whittemore, 26 September 2008, with enclosures.

File 33 : Past President's Dinner

- Armorial placecards.
- Armorial cardstock.
- Color photograph of past presidents, 1994.
- Black and white photograph, n.d.
- Black and white photograph, n.d.
- Black and white photograph of past presidents, n.d.
- Typescript of address, possibly by R. Christie, n.d.
- Dr. J. C. Meakins, address of the retiring president, "The Society and its Responsibility to the Profession and to the Public," typescript, 1933 or 1934.
- Dr. D. S. Lewis, address of the retiring president, typescript, 20 May 1938.
- Walter de M. Scriver, "Nothing New Under the Sun." Reprinted from the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* 80 (15 February 1959): 299-303.
- Framed black and white photograph of past presidents.

File 34: Album of clippings and photographs

File 35: Album of photographs of past presidents

File 36: Memorabilia

- Society lapel pin.
- Past president's medal.
- Society date stamp.
- Reprint of the Act of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws, 1953.
- 6 printer's blocks with crest.

Box 2

File 37: Monthly Bulletin

- Sept. 1949-Mar. 1950
- Oct. 1950
- Jan. 1951
- Apr. 1951
- May 1952
- July 1952
- Sept.-Oct. 1952
- Mar.-Apr. 1953
- Sept. 1953
- Dec. 1953-May 1954
- Oct.-Nov. 1954
- Apr. 1955

File 38: International Society of Haematology

- Constitution and By-Laws, 1950-1952.

File 39: Milk Commission of the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society, April 1900

- Letter from Dr. Alfred Bazin, Secretary, to Dr. Wyatt Johnston, 20 February 1900 re. forming of the commission.
- Letter from Dr. Alfred Bazin to Dr. Wyatt Johnston, 26 February 1900.
- Recommendations from the Medico-Chirurgical Society to its council re. the Milk Commission.
- Walter de M. Scriver, "Nothing New Under the Sun." Reprinted from the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* 80 (15 February 1959): 299-303.

File 40: Report of the Special Committee Appointed by the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal to Consider the Advisability of Amending the Coroners' Law of the Province of Quebec, January 1894

File 41: Coroners and Inquests, 8 February 1894

File 42: By-laws, acts of incorporation, and meetings

- Notice of third regular meeting of the society, 1897-1898.
- Constitution and by-laws, 1892.
- Act of Incorporation, Constitution and By-laws, 1901.
- Act of Incorporation, Constitution and By-laws, 1932.
- Act of Incorporation, Constitution and By-laws, 1941.
- Notice of Special Meeting, 8 December 1905.
- Notice of the Fourth Regular Meeting, 18 November 1932.
- Programme of the fourth annual clinical convention, 21-24 October 1936.
- Programme of the annual clinical evening, 25 April 1960.

File 43: S. Hanford McKee, "Abstracts from the Early Records of the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society." Reprint from the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* 16: 839-844.

File 44: Library of the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society and Dr. George E. Fenwick's gift of his library to the Society, 1964.

File 45: C. F. Wylde, presidential address, typescript, 2 October 1931.