Dr. William Bayard, MD

CMA President, 1894
University of Edinburgh (Scotland), 1837
General practice

Dr. Bayard was President of the New Brunswick Medical Society, the Council of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick and the Maritime Medical Association before assuming the CMA Presidency in 1894. His biography stated: "Although he had not been present at the organizing meeting of the CMA in 1867, he had nevertheless been appointed to three of its seven committees and had been made chair of the one on medical education." He also wrote extensively about the use of alcohol and argued against prohibition, saying the sale of alcoholic beverages ought to be licensed, not prohibited. "The efforts of the philanthropist should be directed toward the possible, not the impossible," he wrote. Dr. Bayard died in 1907.