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Dr. Gérin-Lajoie, who served as a medical officer during WW I, played a major role in many medical organizations. Not only was he a founder and president of both the Quebec Medical Association and Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada, but he was also the first Canadian named President-Elect the World Medical Association. During his clinical career he also held a host of senior positions, serving as professor of gynecology at the Université de Montréal and head of the Department of Gynecology at Notre-Dame Hospital in Montréal. When he died in 1959, colleague Dr. Thomas Routley commented in *CMAJ*: “A great medical statesman has been removed from our midst. A medical ambassador of goodwill and understanding, both at home and abroad, has completed his task.”