Throughout his professional career, Dr. Grant practised in Ottawa, where he was the personal physician to Canada’s first eight governors general. His professional eminence led to election as President of both the CMA and the Royal Society of Canada. He was also elected as a Member of Parliament, where he served from 1867-73 and 1893-96. He gained distinction by introducing the original Canadian Pacific Railway Bill in 1872, and used an appropriate medical metaphor when he said Canada would become one great country by “placing an iron splint on these provinces to strengthen the union and develop trade.”