Dr. William H. Hingston, MD, RCS (Edin.)

CMA President, 1876
McGill Medical College, 1851
General surgery

Dr. Hingston, a founding member of the CMA, would serve as Dean and professor of surgery at the Montreal School of Medicine and Surgery. The Dictionary of Canadian Biography said Dr. Hingston, the chief of surgery at Hotel-Dieu in Montreal, was described as “a diligent surgeon . . . who performed daring operations, such as the removal of a kidney that had been attacked by a tumour.” He was also active in the public health field and acted “to correct serious deficiencies in Montreal. When he recommended vaccination of the public in response to a smallpox outbreak in 1885, the Dictionary stated, his house was threatened by rioters who opposed the measure. Dr. Hingston, who served as an Honorary President of the British Medical Association, died in 1907.