Dr. Tecumseh K. Holmes

CMA President, 1885
Victoria Medical College (Toronto), 1867
General practice, general surgery

Dr. Holmes graduated from medical school the same year the CMA was formed, and upon his death CMAJ said he was ahead of his time when it came to surgical skills. For instance, he was the first surgeon to perform a trachelorrhaphy — the operation of sewing up a laceration of the uterine cervix — in Canada. “He was a pioneer in his chosen profession, and it is well known that in Kent County (Ontario) in his early days he performed serious operations using methods which were not adopted as a general practice until many years later,” his obituary stated. Throughout his career he practised in Chatham, Ont. He died in 1930.