Dr. John F. Kidd, MD

CMA President, 1924-25
Queen’s University, 1883
General surgery

Dr. Kidd, a former surgeon-in-chief at the Ottawa Civic Hospital, was the first CMA President to serve his term during two separate years. Before his election, the President had served during one calendar year only, but the creation of a President-Elect’s position now meant the new President would be elected at one annual meeting and replaced at the following one the next year. Dr. Kidd saw extensive service in World War I as a medical officer in France, where he ended the war as chief surgeon at No. 5 Canadian General Hospital. When he died in 1933, CMAJ wrote: “Dr. Kidd was well known across Canada for his enthusiasm and activity in the advancement of all medical matters.”