In what was a rare career path for his time, Dr. Lewis earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in science before entering medical school. He then went on to hold two of the highest posts in Canadian medicine by serving as President of both the CMA and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Dr. Lewis served overseas in World War I with the No. 3 (McGill) General Hospital, and according to his commanding officer, “accomplished work in the medical wards deserving special mention.” After the war he pursued an academic career at McGill and Montreal’s Royal Victoria Hospital. “There must be few medical students who passed through McGill in the 30 years following the war who do not vividly recall his lectures and clinics,” his obituary in CMAJ stated. At the end of his career he remained busy by writing the first history of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, covering the years from 1920 to 1960.