Dr. John D. MacDonald, RCS(Edin)

CMA President, 1878  
Royal College of Surgeons (Scotland), 1839  
Surgeon

Dr. MacDonald “came to Canada in the double capacity of naval officer and surgeon; and in 1848 obtained provincial license in Upper Canada. He at first settled in Lanark (in eastern Ontario), where he had to undergo all the hardship incident to pioneer life: laborious work, uncertain remuneration, with the absence of mostly all the pleasures to which he had been accustomed. So, after a time, he betook himself to Hamilton,” where he practised for the rest of his career. A year after serving as CMA President, he became president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.