Dr. Harry G. Mackid, MD, LRCPS, FACS

CMA President, 1911
University of Toronto, 1879
General surgery

Dr. Mackid spent most of his surgical career in Calgary, and in an obituary published after his death in 1916, CMAJ noted: “He arrived in Calgary at an impressionable age, and he certainly left his impress on the life of the city.” He would play a key role in the construction of the Calgary General Hospital. He was also highly regarded by CMA members — he assumed office when the annual meeting was held in Edmonton “and all agreed it was the most successful meeting ever held in the West.” Although he suffered from the “dread malady” of diabetes, when World War I started and many of Canada’s physicians went overseas, Dr. Mackid — like many of his retired colleagues — “went back into harness, but the strain was too much.” He died in 1916, two years before the war ended.