Dr. Martin, Charles F., MD, CM, FRCC

CMA President, 1923
McGill University, 1892
Internal medicine

In its obituary for him, CMAJ described Dr. Martin — the former Dean of Medicine at McGill University — as “one of the leading medical men in Canada.” He had a storied career, having also served as physician-in-chief at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, as a professor at McGill and as the university’s principal. After serving as CMA President he assumed the Presidency of the American College of Physicians, and he went on to play a key role in the creation of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Shortly before his death in 1953, he was awarded the CMA’s highest honour, the F.N.G. Starr Award, for his work in furthering medical education in Canada. A CMAJ editorial noted: “He was one of the small group who revivified our organization in the early ’20s when the immediate outlook was so discouraging.”