Dr. Frederick Montizambert, MD, FRCS (Edin.)

CMA President, 1907
University of Edinburgh (Scotland), 1864
Public health

Dr. Montizambert spent almost his entire career in public service as an adviser to the federal government. In 1867 he was appointed as Canada’s first quarantine officer, and he served at the Grosse Isle station in Quebec until 1899. He retired in 1919, when the creation of the federal Department of Health made his position in the public health field obsolete. When he died, a colleague wrote in CMAJ: “For more than half a century previous to the formation of the Department of Health at Ottawa, the public health work of Canada was carried on almost single-handed [by this man], who also served as President of both the American and Canadian Public Health Associations. Present at the birth of the public health work of Canada, he witnessed the ravages of typhus (of which he himself was a victim) and of cholera among the early immigrants.” Dr. Montizambert died in 1929.