Dr. Roddick, a Dean of Medicine at McGill University and a Member of Parliament, had a huge impact on medicine in Canada. A professor of surgery at McGill, he was the first “colonial” to serve as President of the British Medical Association after it met in Montreal. In the operating room, he was one of the first surgeons in North America to recognize the value of Lord Lister’s findings on antisepsis. He was also widely recognized for his surgical skill, and was appointed professor of clinical surgery at McGill at age 28 — just seven years after leaving medical school. On the military side, he served as chief surgeon with the Canadian forces as the 1885 Northwest Rebellion was put down. Later in his medical career he served as Member of Parliament for a Montreal riding, with the specific (and successful) goal of creating the Medical Council of Canada and ensuring there was but one portal for entry into medical practice in Canada. By the time he died in 1923, wrote CMAJ, he had been “honoured by the King, by his University, by his Faculty, and held in affectionate remembrance by his many patients.”