Dr. Francis J. Shepherd

CMA President, 1901
McGill University, 1873
General surgery, anatomy, dermatology

Dr. Shepherd, who was Emeritus Dean of Medicine at McGill University when he died, trained in Vienna after graduating from McGill in 1873. There he joined Dr. William Osler, who had graduated a year earlier. Upon his return to Canada two years later, Dr. Shepherd became a professor of anatomy at McGill, a position he would hold for more than 30 years. As a teacher of anatomy, CMAJ wrote following his death, he was unmatched: "He introduced promptly the most modern methods of teaching that important subject. As a result, since then, McGill students have been everywhere recognized as men 'who knew their anatomy.' " He also pioneered the teaching of dermatology in Canada and later served as President of the Canadian branch of the British Dermatological Society. He died in 1929.