Dr. W. Harvey Smith, MD, CM

CMA President, 1930-31
McGill University, 1892
Ophthalmology

Dr. Smith was one of the rare CMA Presidents to hold the Presidency of the British Medical Association (BMA) at the same time. He took over both roles in 1930 when the BMA met in joint session with the CMA in Winnipeg. When he died in 1940, CMAJ noted: “Dr. Smith was a stalwart in our ranks. In 1930, when he was in the uncommon position of being President of both bodies, he planned and conducted what was, undoubtedly, the largest, best and most colourful assembly that [the CMA] has ever had.” A professor of ophthalmology at the University of Manitoba, Dr. Smith was also considered an expert on issues surrounding health insurance.