Sir Charles Tupper, MD

CMA President, 1867-69
University of Edinburgh (Scotland), 1843
General medicine, surgery

Dr. Tupper is one of the best-known CMA Presidents because of his political career, which saw him serve as Canada’s Prime Minister in 1896. His 10-week term in the post is the briefest in the country’s history. Dr. Tupper, who was the last surviving Father of Confederation when he died in 1915, played a major role in the founding of both Canada and the CMA in 1867. His role in medical politics has been commemorated by the CMA through its Sir Charles Tupper Award for Political Action, which is awarded to a doctor “who has demonstrated leadership, commitment and dedication in advancing the goals and policies of the CMA through grassroots advocacy.”