Company, New York, in June 1948. The employees were mostly office workers; a few were from the commission and building departments. Some had had previous allergy treatment elsewhere, both successful and unsuccessful. Almost all had tried one or more of the antihistaminic drugs.

The procedure which was followed, included a complete history with inquiry directed toward possible exposure to irritants at work or at home, and familial incidence; complete physical examination with laboratory tests as indicated; special intradermal skin testing performed on three different days; patch testing performed on cases of contact dermatitis if cosmetics, office or household articles were suspected, and advice. The advice was directed toward (1) immediate palliation with the use of an antihistaminic drug; (2) removal or avoidance of offending allergens, wherever possible; (3) specific perennial desensitization in graded schedules depending on individual sensitivity.

During the period June 1948—August 1950, 654 employees were examined and skin tested. Of these, 344 remained under active desensitization through the fall of 1950. In October 1950 each employee undergoing injections received a questionnaire asking him to record his opinion about the results of each individual antigen in his treatment. A table is included showing the results; also one to show comparison of these and the results of 1949.

In order to analyze failures and to determine whether a perennial schedule is advisable, a special study was made of the experience when ragweed was used. It was observed that failures occurred mostly in persons with long established disease, in those who were extremely sensitive to the antigen or in those who had only started their desensitization program. On the other hand this study also indicated that a perennial schedule faithfully adhered to over a long period of time results in greater improvement during the pollen season.

MARGARET H. WILTON

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

CANADA
Quebec Division, Canadian Medical Association, Annual Meeting, Seigniory Club, Montebello, Que. (Dr. C. W. Halpeney, Secretary, 1414 Drummond Street, Montreal) May 8-9, 1953.

Ontario Medical Association, Annual Meeting, Royal York Hotel, Toronto (Dr. Glenn Sawyer, Executive Secretary, Ontario Medical Association, 135 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto 5) May 11-15, 1953.

Canadian Society of Microbiologists, Annual Meeting, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont. (Dr. N. E. Gibbons, Division of Applied Biology, National Research Council, Ottawa 2, Ont.) June 4-8, 1953.

Canadian Urological Association, Annual Meeting, Minaki Lodge, Ont. (Dr. S. A. MacDonald, Secretary, 1414 Drummond St., Montreal) June 10-12, 1953.


Canadian Association of Radiologists, Winnipeg, Man. (Dr. Jean Bouchard, Secretary, 1555 Summerhill Ave., Montreal 25, Que.) June 15-16, 1953.

Canadian Association of Pathologists, Winnipeg, Man. (Dr. D. W. Penner, Secretary, Winnipeg General Hospital, Winnipeg, Man.) June 15-16, 1953.

Canadian Rheumatism Association, Winnipeg, Man. (Dr. T. E. Hunt, Secretary, P.O. Box 277, Regina, Sask.) June 15-16, 1953.

Canadian Academy of Allergy, Winnipeg, Man. (Dr. T. H. Aaron, Secretary, 502 McLeod Bldg., Edmonton, Alta.) June 16, 1953.

Canadian Psychiatric Association, Winnipeg, Man. (Dr. J. P. S. Cathcart, Secretary, 183 Metcalfe St., Ottawa, Ont.) June 16, 1953.

Canadian Heart Association, Winnipeg, Man. (Dr. John Keith, Secretary, Hospital for Sick Children, 555 University Ave., Toronto, Ont.) June 16, 1953.

Canadian Medical Protective Association, Winnipeg, Man. (Dr. T. L. Fisher, Secretary, 180 Metcalfe St., Ottawa, Ont.) June 18, 1953.

The Federation of Medical Women of Canada, Winnipeg, Man. (Dr. J. G. Bellamy, Secretary, 2455-29 Ave. S. W., Calgary, Alta.) Monday, June 15, 1953.

Canadian Neurological Society, Winnipeg, Man. (Dr. Allan Walters, Secretary, Medical Arts Bldg., Toronto, Ont.) June 20-21, 1953.

International Physiological Congress, 19th Congress, Montreal, Canada (Dr. A. S. V. Burgen, McGill University, Montreal), September 1-5, 1953.


Congress of Anesthetists, 28th Annual Congress, Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, P.Q., (Laurette McMechan, Assistant Executive Secretary, 318 Hotel Westlake, Rocky River 18, Ohio) October 26-29, 1953.

UNITED STATES
American Gastroenterological Association, Drake Hotel, Chicago, Ill. (Dr. George C. Shivers, Corresponding Secretary, Colorado Springs, Colo.) May 7-9, 1953.

Aero Medical Association, 23rd Annual Meeting, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif. (Dr. Thomas H. Sutherland, P.O. Box 26, Marion, Ohio) May 11-13, 1953.


World Congress on Fertility and Sterility, First Congress, Henry Hudson Hotel, New York, N.Y. (Dr. A. I. Weissman, Secretary-General, 1160 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.) May 25-31, 1953.


AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Annual Session, New York, N.Y. (Dr. George F. Lull, 535 N. Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Ill.), June 1-5, 1953.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY, 2nd Annual Convention, Hotel Statler, Washington, D.C. (Dr. Philip Reichert, Secretary, 490 Park Ave., New York 22, N.Y.) June 7-9, 1953.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHY AND CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY, Boston, Mass. (Dr. R. S. Schwab, Secretary-General, Mass. General Hospital, Boston 14, Mass.) August 18-21, 1953.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OPHTHALMOLOGY, 17th Congress, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, N.Y. (Dr. W. L. Benedict, Secretary General, 100-1st Ave. Bldg., Rochester, Minn.) September 12-17, 1953.


NATIONAL GASTROENTEROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, 18th Annual Convention, Los Angeles, Calif. (Dr. Samuel Weiss, 146 Central Park West, New York 23, N.Y.) October 12-14, 1953.

OTHER COUNTRIES


INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY, 5th Congress, Amsterdam, Holland (Dr. W. H. Stuben, J. J. Vioitastraat 1, Amsterdam) June 8-15, 1953.


BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Cardiff, S. Wales (Dr. A. MacCruie, Secretary, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W. C. 1, England) July 13-17, 1953.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF RADIO-BIOLOGY, Copenhagen, Denmark (Prof. F. Norgaard, Secretary General, Oster Voldgade 10, Copenhagen K, Denmark) July 14-25, 1953.


INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF RADIOTHERAPY, 7th Congress, Copenhagen, Denmark (Prof. F. Nordgaard, 10 Oster Voldgade, Copenhagen K) July 19-25, 1953.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP, First Congress, London, England (Mr. W. R. Le Fanu, Chairman, c/o London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel St., London, W.C.1), July 20-25, 1953.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR HISTORY OF SCIENCE, Jerusalem, Israel (Prof. F. S. Bodenheimer, President, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel) August 5-7, 1953.


INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND MALARIA, Istanbul, Turkey (Prof. Dr. Ihsan Suikri Aksel, General Secretary, Tunel Meydami, Beyoglu, Istanbul, Turkey) August 28-September 4, 1953.

WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 7th General Assembly, The Hague, Amsterdam, Holland (Dr. Louis H. Bauer, Secretary-General, 2 East 103rd St., New York 29, N.Y.) August 31-September 6, 1953.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MICROBIOLOGY, 6th Congress, Rome, Italy (Dr. N. E. Gibbons, Secretary, Canadian Society of Microbiology, Division of Applied Biology, National Research Council, Ottawa 2, Ont.) September 6-12, 1953.


NEWS ITEMS

ALBERTA

The Calgary General Hospital opened its new doors to official and public inspection. This modern and efficiently planned institution in the West, is an inspiration to medical progress in Western Canada. The seven hundred beds in the new hospital will serve all associated therewith. Dr. L. O. Bradley, an efficient Superintendent, will give most capable service to members and associates of the Staff. Calgary is hospital conscious, and like many of her public institutions this public pride is in evidence in this new institution.

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Swallow of Edmonton are vacationing in England and on the Continent. They will attend the Coronation of our Gracious Queen Elizabeth on June 2.

Dr. S. S. Hein, a graduate of the University of Alberta, has taken up practice in Rocky Mountain House.

Dr. F. C. Lansdall a recent newcomer to the West has taken up practice in the same rapidly growing town.

Dr. Phillip Mousseau of Edmonton was honoured by Laval University of Montreal in being the recipient of the degree of L.L.D. Dr. Mousseau has practised in Edmonton since his graduation from Laval. He is the Surgeon-in-Chief of the Edmonton General Hospital.

We regret to relate that Dr. W. O. York of Edmonton and formerly of Provost, Alberta, passed away. An obituary notice will appear later.

W. CARLETON WHITESIDE

BRITISH COLUMBIA

At the Annual Meeting of the General Practitioner’s Section of the B.C. Division, Canadian Medical Association, held at Harrison Hot Springs on March 20 and 21, an important step was taken. This consisted in the decision to form an Academy of General Practitioners in B.C., similar to other organizations elsewhere. The members of the Academy will be required to meet certain standards, including postgraduate work at stated intervals, and the object of the organization will be to maintain these standards at a high level.

Dr. Charles E. McArthur, president of the American Academy of General Practitioners, was a guest at the
Preliminary Program

Canadian Medical Association
EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
WINNIPEG, JUNE 15-19, 1953

President-Elect—Dr. Charles W. Burns, Winnipeg.
General Secretary—Dr. T. C. Routley, Toronto.
Deputy General Secretary—Dr. A. D. Kelly, Toronto.

Arrangements for the Eighty-Sixth Annual Meeting are well in hand and active committees of the Manitoba Division are preparing for the comfort, enjoyment and instruction of a large number of registrants. The General Council will meet in the Royal Alexandra Hotel on Monday and Tuesday, June 15 and 16, and a number of affiliated specialist societies will hold their meetings on these days. The scientific session will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 17 to 19. The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday evening, June 17. At this function Dr. Charles W. Burns will be installed as President, Senior Memberships will be conferred and other items of a ceremonial nature will be transacted. The Annual General Meeting will be followed by the President’s reception and a dance.

The preliminary program of the scientific sessions is as follows:

Wednesday, June 17

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCES

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

The Treatment of Thyroid Diseases.
Dr. P. H. T. Thorlakson, Winnipeg (Chairman).
Dr. Daniel Nicholson, Winnipeg.
Dr. Stewart G. Baxter, Montreal.
Dr. J. P. Gemmell, Winnipeg.

Vertigo, Differential Diagnosis and Treatment.
Dr. F. A. Macenil, Winnipeg (Chairman).
Dr. Walter Alexander, Winnipeg.
Dr. J. M. Kilgour, Winnipeg.
Dr. Dwight Parkinson, Winnipeg.

Epilepsy, Its Legal and Industrial Aspects.
Dr. G. L. Adamson, Winnipeg (Chairman).

Parachute Injuries.
Dr. Alexander Gibson, Winnipeg (Chairman).
Lt.-Col. A. S. A. Kerr, Camp Borden.
Dr. D. M. Bruser, Winnipeg.
W/C A. L. Bocking, Rivers.
Major E. Karpetz, Winnipeg.

GENERAL SESSION

10.45 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.

Osler—The Man Himself.
Dr. George S. Young, Toronto.

Recent Concepts of the Genesis of Coronary Artery Atherosclerosis.
Dr. John W. Gofman, Berkeley, California.

Psychosomatic Problems in Ophthalmology.
Dr. Edward P. Burch, St. Paul, Minnesota.

2.00 p.m.

Session A

The Present Treatment of Pre-Eclampsia.
Dr. C. C. Henneberg, Winnipeg.
Acute Porphyria.
Dr. Adrian Anglin, Toronto.
Surgery and the Patient with Cardiac Disease.
Dr. S. B. Thorson, Calgary.
The Diabetic and His Disease.
Dr. W. deM. Scriven, Montreal.

Session B

2.00 p.m.

Treatment of Duodenal Ulcer by Vagotomy and Gastroenterostomy.
Dr. K. R. Trueman, Winnipeg.
Surgery in General Practice.
Dr. W. B. Tufts, Outlook, Sask.
Management of Civilian Disaster Casualties.
Dr. R. A. Mustard, Toronto.
Acute Abdominal Injuries.
Dr. I. W. Davidson, Sudbury.

Section of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology

2.00 p.m.

Malignancies of the Nasal Sinuses.
Dr. Walter Alexander, Winnipeg.
The Assessment and Treatment of the Hard of Hearing.
Dr. K. McAskile, Toronto.
Ocular Manifestations of Thyroid Disease.
Dr. C. M. Shafto, Calgary.

Myopia.
Dr. A. Lindsay, Winnipeg.

Section of Radiology

The Contrast Enema.
Dr. J. W. Simpson, Winnipeg.
Radiation Therapy in the Treatment of Testicular Tumours.
Dr. R. Moffat, Vancouver.
Problems in Urological Radiology.
Dr. E. W. Spencer, Saskatoon.
Angiography in the Diagnosis of Intracranial Hæmorhage.
Dr. M. Kiernan, Winnipeg.

Thursday, June 18

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCES

9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

Antibiotics in Intra-Abdominal Infections.
Dr. C. E. Corrigan, Winnipeg (Chairman).
Dr. Walter McKenzie, Edmonton.
Dr. J. C. Wilt, Winnipeg.
Dr. C. W. Clark, Edmonton.
Dr. J. M. Kilgour, Winnipeg.
Control of Fluid and Biochemical Imbalance in Surgical Patients.
Dr. Martin Hoffman, Montreal (Chairman).

Useful Treatment Procedures in Dermatology.
Dr. W. George Brock, Winnipeg (Chairman).
Dr. G. E. Craig, Montreal.
Dr. Norman M. Wrong, Toronto.
Dr. Paul L. Rentiers, Edmonton.
Dr. Ben Kane, Vancouver.

The Management of Stroke.
Dr. L. G. Bell, Winnipeg (Chairman).
Dr. R. T. Ross, Winnipeg.
Dr. Dwight Parkinson, Winnipeg.
Dr. J. G. A. Pincock, Winnipeg.

GENERAL SESSION
10.45 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.
The Gordon Richards Memorial Lecture.
Dr. Douglas Quick, New York.

By Apollo.
Dr. E. P. Scarlett, Calgary.
The Fourth Dimension in Thoracic Surgery.
Dr. R. H. Overholt, Boston.

Session A
2.00 p.m.
Diarrhoeal Conditions in Childhood.
Dr. J. F. McCready, Vancouver.
Epidemic Jaundice.
Dr. S. Mirsky, Ottawa.
Recent Therapeutic Advances in Dermatology.
Dr. L. P. Ereaux, Montreal.
Hypothyroidism and Myxoedema.
Dr. F. C. Heal, Moose Jaw.

Session B
2.00 p.m.
The Problem of Dyspareunia.
Dr. A. W. Andison, Winnipeg.
Low Back Pain.
Dr. Ian Macnab, Toronto.
Postoperative Care in Prostatectomy.
Dr. F. Pilcher, Calgary.
Esophageal Lesions in Infancy and Childhood.
Dr. Ross Robertson, Vancouver.

Section of Anaesthesia
2.00 p.m.
Anaesthesia for Emergency Surgery.
Dr. Marjorie Bennett, Winnipeg.
Recent Advances in Paediatric Anaesthesia.
Dr. H. M. Slater, Montreal.
Anaesthesia for Caesarean Section.
Dr. Marcia Wood, Winnipeg.

Section of Historical Medicine
2.00 p.m.
The Monistic System in Medicine.
Dr. S. Vaisrub, Winnipeg.
Indian Medicine.
Dr. G. R. Johnson, Calgary.
Archibald Pitcairne.
Dr. M. H. V. Cameron, Toronto.
Subject to be Announced.
Dr. J. C. Hossack, Winnipeg.
The History of Food.
Dr. W. A. Gardner, Winnipeg.

Friday, June 19
ROUND TABLE CONFERENCES
Delayed Labour.
Dr. O. A. Schmidt, Winnipeg (Chairman).
Dr. Sam Kobrinsky, Winnipeg.
Dr. Margaret Hutton, Edmonton.
Dr. Henri Guyot, St. Boniface.
Dr. D. G. McEwen, Regina.

Esophageal Lesions.
Dr. D. S. McEwen, Winnipeg (Chairman).
Dr. Ross Robertson, Vancouver.
Dr. C. B. Schoemaker, Winnipeg.
Dr. Jack MacDougall, Winnipeg.

The Management of Poliomyelitis.
Dr. J. A. Hildes, Winnipeg (Chairman).
Dr. W. T. Mustard, Toronto.
Dr. J. D. Adamson, Winnipeg.
Dr. A. J. W. Alcock, Winnipeg.
Dr. J. K. Martin, Winnipeg.

The Acute Abdomen in General Practice.
Dr. V. F. Bachynski, Winnipeg (Chairman).
Dr. W. F. Tisdale, Winnipeg.
Dr. R. W. Whetter, Steinbach, Man.
Dr. H. G. Hall, Toronto.
Dr. Jack McKenty, Winnipeg.

GENERAL SESSION
10.45 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.
The Prevention of Poliomyelitis.
Dr. W. McD. Hammon, Pittsburgh.
Cardiac Arrest in the Operating Room.
Dr. S. M. Campbell, Toronto.
Observations on the Control of Infections in the Newborn.
Dr. A. F. Hardymont, Vancouver.

Session A
2.00 p.m.
The Clinical Use of Radioactive Isotopes and Paper Electrophoresis.
Dr. J. Sternberg, Montreal.
Subject to be Announced.
Dr. C. G. Stodgill, Toronto.
Tumours of Infancy and Childhood.
Dr. J. Hoogstraten, Winnipeg.
The Care of Aging People.
Dr. R. F. Farquharson, Toronto.

Session B
2.00 p.m.
The Significance of Scout Films of the Abdomen.
Dr. R. A. Macpherson, Winnipeg.
The Diagnosis of Bronchogenic Carcinoma.
Dr. M. B. Perrin, Winnipeg.
Anaesthesia in Pulmonary Disease.
Dr. Donald Huggins, Winnipeg.
Recent Advances in the Treatment of Anuria.
Dr. A. Thomson, Winnipeg.

Section of Preventive and Industrial Medicine
2.00 p.m.
Electrocardiograms in Routine Physical Examinations.
Dr. F. A. L. Mathewson, Winnipeg.
Coxsackie Virus Infection.
Dr. W. McD. Hammon, Pittsburgh.
Medical Implications of Personnel Programs in Industry.
Mr. Elmer Phillips, Winnipeg.
Antibiotics in Communicable Diseases.
Dr. H. Medov, Winnipeg.