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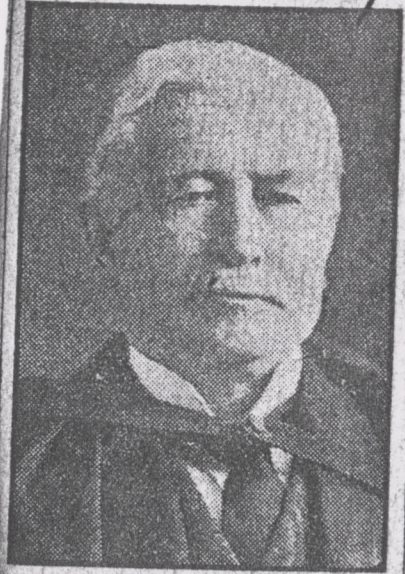
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SIR THOS. RODDICK, SURGEON, IS DEAD

First Colonial President Of British Medical Association

Sir Thomas Roddick, noted surgeon, and twice member of parliament for St. Antoine division of Montreal, died this morning after a lingering illness from arteria sclerosis.

He is survived by his widow, Lady Roddick, and by three sisters, the Misses Emma and Margaret, of Montreal, and Mrs. Kennedy, who resides at Knowlton, Que.

Sir Thomas George Roddick, M.D., Knight Bachelor, who was the first colonial president of the British Medical Association, being elected at a meeting in Montreal in 1897, was the author of the Canada Medical Act which finally passed the Dominion Parliament in 1911. It established a one portal system for entrance to the practice of medicine in the Dominion and the Medical Council of Canada was formed of representatives from each province, Dr. Roddick being elected president.

Sir Thomas was born at Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, in 1846 and was educated at the normal and model schools at Truro, N.S., graduating from McGill University, where he was awarded the Holmes Gold Medal and final prize. For six years he was house surgeon of the Montreal General Hospital and has long been associated with McGill. He became a lecturer on hygiene in 1873, demonstrator of anatomy in 1874, professor of clinical surgery in 1875, professor of surgery in 1890 and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in 1901, remaining in that office until 1908, when he became one of the Governors of the university.

Sir Thomas organized the hospital and ambulance service in the North West rebellion in 1885, and was mentioned in despatches and recommended for the order of C.M.G. He was elected to the House of Commons for St. Antoine division, Montreal, in 1896 and sat until 1904.

Sir Thomas in 1880 married Miss Marion McKinnon, of Pointe Claire, Que., who died in 1890. In 1906 he married Miss Amy Redpath, the oldest daughter of the late Mr. J. J. Redpath, of the Manor House, Chislehurst, England, a member of an old Montreal family.