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Although modestly subtitled a chronology, *Trois siècles d'histoire médicale a Québec* offers considerably more. The entries are no mere descriptions of events but are often distillations of a growing secondary literature on the history of medicine in Quebec. Subdivided into five thematic sections, all but the last, cover the period indicated in the title. The first two sections, over half the book, are devoted to hospital institutions and public health. If only for having brought together, in a single place, a significant amount of the legislation in these areas, these two sections alone make the book worthwhile. The following three shorter sections are concerned with professional associations, societies and journals, medical teaching and the development of medical science (1700-1939). Sources for all entries are given and critical footnotes frequently point out errors and confusions over date and facts within the literature and, where possible, correct them. Prefaced by a well informed outline of the history of medicine in Quebec and completed with an index, this work is an invaluable research tool for those interested in the subject.

Although somewhat more specialized, the bibliography on over twenty infectious diseases produced by the Paradis and Naubert, in collaboration with D. Goulet, is equally as valuable. A repertoire of clinical reports, therapeutic trials, comments on legislation and public health practices, the bibliography covers practically all nineteenth-century Quebec medical journals as well as a selection of other important periodicals such as the *Revue Canadienne*. It should be noted moreover that a second volume is planned which will include venereal diseases.

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