At the Meetings

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The annual meeting of the Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Science was held at London, Ontario, 1-3 June. Two papers on Canadian topics were read, one by Mr. Arnold Roos (Parks Canada) on the structural evolution of A.G. Bell and 'Casey' Baldwin's hydrofoil boat HD-4. Ms. Elizabeth Quance (Parks Canada) described the experiments of A.G. Bell on the structural properties of kites as a preliminary to flying machine research and his invention of the tetrahedral frame.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine took place in London concurrently with CSHPS. Nine papers of the history of Canadian medicine were read, abbreviated abstracts of which follow:

1. "A Forgotten Battle in the 'Forgotten War''
   -Nora Waugh and Dr. C.G. Roland (McMaster)

   A review of the Battle of Moraviantown in the War of 1812 to show the state of military medicine, the physical state of the soldiery, and prisoner-of-war conditions.

2. "The Quebec City Newspapers and the Cholera Epidemic during the 19th Century"
   -Drs. Sylvio LeBlond (Sillery) and Jean Beaudoin (L'Hôtel-Dieu, Québec)

   A study of the treatment of the cholera epidemics by the newspaper Le Canadien from 1830 to 1890.

3. "Medical Education at the Toronto School of Medicine in 1864"
   -Dr. John Scott (Toronto)

   A description of the medical teaching drawn from two notebooks of Dr. John Brown, who graduated from the school in 1865.

4. "Dr. James Douglas' Travels"
   -Dr. Sylvio LeBlond (Sillery)

   A discussion of the Nile trip of 1861 taken by Dr. James Douglas (1800-86), prominent Québec physician and founder of the Lunatic Asylum in Beauport.

5. "A.G. Bell's Artificial Brathing Apparatus: an Illustration of Some of the Problems of Medical Historiography"
   -Elizabeth Quance (Parks Canada)

   Problems relating to the history of Bell's resuscitation experiments of 1881.
6. "Dr. Richard Maurice Bucke and His Brave New World"
   -Helene Fallen (Hamilton)
   An examination of the philosophical and literary influences upon Bucke, a prominent 19th century London, Ontario physician and mystic.

7. "Dr. T.A. Patrick—Pioneer of Vision"
   -Drs. C.J. and C.S. Houston (Un. Saskatchewan)
   A description of the political career of Dr. Patrick, a pioneer physician in Saskatchewan and his role in the formation of that province.

8. "A Tribute to Raoul Masson, a Pioneer in the Field of Paediatrics in French Canada"
   -Dr. Paul Letondal (Deux-Montagnes, P.Q.)
   A review of the career of Masson, who trained in Paris, and was first physician-in-chief for paediatrics in Ste-Justine Hospital.

   -Stan Butcher (McMaster)
   Traces the rise of Canadian medical professionalism within its social and ideological contexts.

N.B. Copies of the papers described cannot be provided to readers by the Bulletin.

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