Dr. J. B. Leathes, Professor of Pathologic Chemistry in the University of Toronto, has resigned and will return to England, where he has been appointed Professor of Physiology in the University of Sheffield. Dr. Leathes will remain at the university until December.

At the recent meeting of the health officers of Nova Scotia, Dr. W. H. Hattie, provincial officer of health for Nova Scotia, presided, and amongst others present to deliver addresses were Drs. J. W. S. McCullough, of the Ontario Board of Health, and Peter H. Bryce, Ottawa.

## Obituary

## BRUCE L. RIORDAN, M.D., TORONTO

Dr. Bruce L. Riordan died in Toronto on the 29th of August, in his fifty-fifth year. When it began to be known among his confreres in the city on Sunday following his death Saturday evening there were expressions of the most sincere regret that "Riordan" was dead. The late Dr. Riordan was in many ways associated with all that was best in the profession of medicine. He was strict for his professional rights, and never failed to respect the rights of others. As an organizer of medical society meetings he was a past-master. It is doubtful if any other medical man in Canada could carry out the details for success at a medical meeting so well as Riordan. It was often that his services were required and he was never known to fail. He was happiest when looking after the arrangements for a large or small medical meeting.

But it was not alone in the social life of the profession that he was a leader. As an emergent and traumatic surgeon his experience was large and his understanding unlimited. He was a past president of the American Association of Railway Surgeons, and at the time of his death president of the Aesculapian Club. For the Ontario Division of the Grand Trunk Railway he was surgeon for many years. This often brought him into the courts as a witness, where it is said he always acquitted himself with fairness, honesty and capability.

To the widow and surviving son we extend our sincere sympathy.