

A new home for tuberculous patients has been opened in the outskirts of Gravenhurst, on the shores of Lake Muskoka. The Minnewaska hotel has been purchased by Mrs. Fournier, a Canadian nurse who has achieved distinction in the United States, and the patients will be under the professional care of Dr. Charles D. Parfitt. They may be assured of intelligent nursing and proper medical supervision.

Dr. Arthur C. L. Fox, of Montreal, died on March 31st, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, in his 45th year. He graduated from McGill University in 1898, since which time he practiced his profession in the city. During his earlier years he was an oarsman of repute in Western Canada.

Dr. Dixon, of Frankville, Ont., died of appendicitis on March 18th. He had for some years carried on an extensive surgical practice in the country around, and was noted as one who kept thoroughly abreast of the advances made in his profession.

J. K. Niven, a graduate of McGill, 1901, passed away at his home in London, Ontario, on the 30th of March.

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THE MONTREAL MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

The eighth regular meeting of the Society was held Friday evening, January 22nd, 1909, Dr. J. Alex. Hutchison, President, in the chair.

D. A. SHIRRES showed a living case of hysteria simulating cerebral tumour.

C. K. RUSSEL, M.D. These extremely interesting cases that Dr. Shirres has just shown make one wonder what the real nature of hysteria is; how these so-called functional diseases can imitate so closely organic lesions of the brain and cord. One often wonders if there is not some underlying really organic condition, although we cannot see it under the microscope, and if it is not some vaso motor condition that from its nature cannot be demonstrated under the microscope. With these hysterical patients one notices that there is usually great vaso-motor instability, they blush readily, and we get dermatographia and other evidences of this and I often wonder if there is not some similar vaso motor disturbance occurring in the brain or cord causing these symptoms that