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## COMMENT FROM MONTH TO MONTH.

**Dr. James F. W. Ross**, one of the leading and distinguished surgeons of Canada and America, died the 18th of November, at the residence of Dr. R. L. Langstaff, Richmond Hill. Two days before he was motoring to an out-of-town call, and while driving his own car with the chauffeur by his side the machine was suddenly flung into the ditch and Dr. Ross sustained injuries subsequently resulting in his death.

"In the midst of life we are in death" was never before so forcibly projected upon the minds of the medical fraternity: To some probably more so than others, for it was only a few weeks before, when Dr. Ross was temporarily occupying the chair at the Aesculapian Club, that deceased had launched a discussion upon the rights of the profession exceeding the speed limit in making emergency calls.

To Dr. Ross distinction in medical life came at an early age. A son of the late Dr. James Ross, a prominent general practitioner and obstetrician in his day, he began his medical studies at the old Toronto School of Medicine, having been graduated in 1886. He went abroad after graduation and studied gynecology under the celebrated Lawson Tait. In 1891 he returned to Toronto, entered practice upon the special branch of gynecology, later adding thereto abdominal surgery, and very soon became one of the recognized leaders in this work in America.