

CHARLES E. LAWRENCE.—Dr. C. E. Lawrence died at his home at Murieta, Riverside county, California, on October 23, aged 37. He formerly lived at Richmond Hill, Ontario, and received his medical education in the Toronto School of Medicine, graduating in Victoria University in 1885. For some time his health was poor, incipient phthisis being suspected, and he deemed it advisable to go to California. For some years after his arrival the air of this country appeared to agree with him, and it was hoped that he had quite recovered. At the time of writing we do not know any particulars as to his last illness. He was highly respected as a man and as a physician while in Canada, and was very much liked by his intimate personal friends.

DARBY BERGIN, M.D., SURGEON-GENERAL OF CANADA.—Canada has lost one of her most distinguished citizens through the death of Dr. Darby Bergin, which occurred at his home in Cornwall, October 22, 1896. On the evening of September 18 he had a paralytic stroke, from which he never rallied. He had been in poor health for something like three years, but had been able to do his parliamentary and professional work fairly well until he was seized with paralysis. He was born in Toronto in 1826, received his preliminary education at Upper Canada College and his professional education at McGill University, where he passed the final examination in 1846, when he was nineteen years and seven months old. He soon commenced practice in Cornwall, and before many years became generally recognized as the most successful practitioner in Eastern Ontario. At the time of the Trent difficulty in 1861 he became captain of a volunteer company, and was gazetted Lieutenant-Colonel of the 59th Stormont and Glengarry Battalion in 1869. He retained his connection with this battalion until his recent promotion to the position of Surgeon-General of Canada. He was first elected to Parliament for the town of Cornwall in 1872, was defeated in 1873, and elected again in 1878, and continued a member of Parliament up to the time of his death. In earlier years he had been a member of the Town Council and a trustee of the High School Board. He was for many years a member of the Ontario Medical Council, being president in 1881 and in 1885. He was well known as one of the ablest and most energetic members of that body. He ever endeavored to maintain a high standard for the profession, and favored a course in arts as preliminary to a course in medicine. He was highly respected by all classes in Cornwall and vicinity. As a politician he took a foremost place in the ranks of the Conservative party. As a physician he was well known in all parts of Canada. In private life he was highly esteemed by all his acquaintances, and much loved by those who knew him intimately. He was endowed with a good constitution, and did an enormous amount of work during his lifetime. Soon after he passed the age of sixty he showed signs of old age, and during the last five years of his life his friends noticed that he had lost much of his former vigor. He attended faithfully, however, to his duties, parliamentary and otherwise, up to the time of his seizure. He was buried in the family lot in the old Roman Catholic cemetery at Flanagan's Point, the funeral being the largest known in Eastern Canada since the burial of John Sandfield Macdonald. Dr. Bergin was never married.