

Dr. McKay also attended special classes in the Provincial Normal School under the Principalship of the late Dr. Forrester, Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia. His medical studies were commenced with the late Dr. Samuel Muir, whose efficient office for training in preliminary medical work had a reputation that was quite extensive at that time.

After this, a course was taken in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York; then, as now, one of the very best medical institutions in the United States, and with honors, our young citizen graduated in 1868.

The young graduate was ambitious in his profession; and a generous father offering him further assistance for the prosecution of his studies elsewhere, Dr. John went to Edinburgh, and in 1871, most creditably passed the stiff examinations and became a Licentiate, both as a Physician and a Surgeon, from the Royal Medical College in that city.

After graduation for some time he had full charge of an extensive practice of a well known physician and surgeon in England, and the young Doctor indeed well "won his spurs" by the energy and intelligence he threw into his work, and by the success that he achieved. He then visited in many hospitals in England and Scotland, and crossed to the continent for the same purpose—to perfect himself in his chosen profession—spending considerable time in Paris.

After this, Dr. McKay returned and settled in our town, where for 32 years he has with energy, faithfulness and good to all, followed the pursuit of his noble and humane profession.

In his profession he was kindness itself. He never refused a summons to the sick bed, no matter what the condition of wild stormy weather, distance, the state of the roads, nor the indigent circumstances of the applicant. He was the poor man's doctor and friend, if ever there was one in this world. No wonder he was popular with all classes all over the country.

In politics Dr. McKay was a pronounced Liberal Conservative, and was President of the Liberal Conservative Association of Colchester at the time of his death. His name was more than once mentioned as a candidate for political honors; any such nomination he refused, but invariably worked for the nominee of his party with all his characteristic energy.

He was fond of athletic sports, did much to encourage the same, and for some time was President of the Truro Amateur Athletic Club. He was a first rate cricketer, and one of the very best of our keen curlers. He was a lover of good horses, and his carriage equipages, and handsome horses that he looked after with tender care, were the admiration of our people.

Dr. McKay added much to the life and liveliness of Truro; and his ever ready assistance, when our interests and good name were at stake, will indeed be missed.