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OBITUARY.

Since we last met we have lost several valuable members; two especially will be missed, namely, Wyatt G. Johnston, of Montreal, and Wm. S. Muir, of Truro. Dr. Johnston, one might say, died on the battlefield, for he succumbed to sepsis contracted in his ordinary work. He had just been appointed the Professor of Hygiene and State Medicine in McGill University, and a long and successful occupation of the chair was hoped for. He had done much original work already as assistant professor, and in pathology he had made a world-wide reputation. Wyatt Johnston was in some respects a genius—he had the modesty, great originality and capacity for work, which distinguishes such men. He was, if anything, too fertile in ideas, and had so many ventures on the sea of experiment that some of them necessarily came to grief; not because they were Utopian or impracticable, but because there was not time to work them out. At the Montreal General Hospital he had the confidence and love of his colleagues and his opinion was final on a pathological question. As an expert in the coroner's court he was looked upon as a safe authority and his evidence was never prejudicial and partisan, but was, as scientific evidence ought to be, impartial. He much impressed judges and lawyers with his honesty, sincerity and accurateness. We only occasionally find such men, but in their short lives they often accomplish more than many others who have exceeded the prescribed threescore years and ten.

William Scott Muir has also gone from amongst us. His cheerful countenance and portly form we miss here to-day; he was one who had for many years past regularly attended these meetings, and by his genial disposition and practical common sense endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He was a man of affairs and took the greatest interest in everything pertaining to the advancement of the profession; he was always wise in counsel and in scientific discussion had the faculty of going to the root of the matter and stripping the subject of unnecessary accessories. He was an able practitioner and much beloved by his patients. He gained their confidence by his transparent honesty, and was always welcomed by his colleagues wherever he went and always found friends. He was a distinct personality and one the medical profession can ill afford to lose—his works will follow him.

Dr. Brunelle, surgeon of the Hotel Dieu Hospital, has also been suddenly removed from amongst us. He was an able surgeon and teacher, and will be much missed by his colleagues, by whom he was held in the highest regard.