Medical Anniversary

FREDERICK BANTING, 4 NOVEMBER 1891

(Sir) Frederick Banting (1891–1941) was born in Ontario, Canada, and was educated at Toronto University where he qualified (1916) and soon joined the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. He earned the MC for gallantry in France. He was co-discoverer of insulin with JR Macleod, Charles Best and JB Collip. He became head of the Central Research Committee of the National Research Council of Canada. He was sadly killed in an air crash on 21 February, 1941. He is commemorated by the Banting Institute, the Banting Foundation and the Banting memorial lectureship of the University of Toronto.

— DG James