



ADMINISTRATION

1985 Presidents' Award



Dr. Roy Brown and his wife, Flora

Dr. Roy Brown, past President of CAO and long active in many of its professional committees, was selected by the 1985 CAO Presidents' Award Committee to be the recipient of the 1985 CAO Presidents' Award.

In presenting the Award to Dr. Brown, Dr. Roland des Groseilliers, Chairman of the Awards Committee said:

"There is no greater honour than to be recognized by one's own peers. We are here tonight to honour one of our own.

"The Presidents' Award is the highest award which may be presented by CAO. It is awarded to an individual who has made an exceedingly significant contribution to the advancement of the profession of Optometry in Canada.

"Our honoured guest was graduated from the College of Optometry of Ontario in 1948. He received the General Proficiency Award in Optometry. He has practised in Virden, Manitoba since June, 1949. He served on the Council of the Manitoba Optometric Society from 1953 to 1979 and was its President from 1967 to 1970. From 1969 to

1971, and again from 1973 to 1980, he was the Manitoba delegate to the CAO Council and served as President of the national Association from 1977 to 1979.

"He has been Chairman and/or Director of the CAO Interprofessional Relations Committee since 1970 and is one of the principal authors of the original CAO Role Document (1974), its 1976 revision and its latest version, produced this year. He was one of the founders of the Canadian Optometric Education Trust Fund in 1977. A Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, Dr. Brown is also a member of the Manitoba Public Health Association and an Associate Member of the American Association of Optometrists. His record of community service is as distinguished as his optometric service.

"Roy's achievements reflect the encouragement, the love and understanding and the co-operation of his wife, Flora. She has been, over the years, a friend to many and a gracious ambassador for Optometry.

"On behalf of CAO, I am deeply honoured to present the CAO Presidents' Award to Dr. Roy Brown."

Dr. des Groseilliers then presented a plaque to Dr. Brown, inscribed as follows:

"The Canadian Association of Optometrists Presidents' Award presented to Dr. Roy Brown, July 5, 1985. In recognition of his years of leadership and service to the profession of Optometry, we applaud his dedication to the development of Optometry into the primary vision care profession in Canada and we further appreciate his commitment to Optometry and his concern for the individual optometrist."

(The inscription was also engraved in French on the plaque, and Dr. des Groseilliers read it as well.)

Concluding his presentation, Dr. des Groseilliers also presented a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Flora Brown.

In acknowledging the presentation, Dr. Brown offered the following comments:

"On June 28, 1985, one week ago today, I completed 36 years of private practice in Virden, Manitoba. Being able to practice 36 years in a profession that I love and getting an expression of appreciation like this from the Canadian Association of Optometrists makes me a fortunate man.

"I wish to thank the people who have made this presentation possible.

"First is the lady who has walked beside me down life's pathway, giving freely of her love, time, energy and encouragement while she also forfeited many years of evenings and weekends, allowing me to indulge in official Optometry, both at the Manitoba and Canadian level. Thank you, Flora.

"Secondly, I thank our family, who likewise gave as freely of their time and support as their mother.

"Thirdly, the optometrists of Manitoba and all of Canada who, for many years, have given me encouragement, inspiration and co-operative help in the achievement of our goals for Optometry.

"A special thanks to those untiring people on the staffs of the School of Optometry, University of Waterloo, the School of Optometry, University of Montreal, the American Optometric Association, the staff of the Canadian Association of Optometrists in Ottawa and to the staff of each provincial Association.

"A very special thanks for all those close, enduring friendships Flora and I have made in Optometry.

"You, the members of the Canadian Association of Optometrists, through its Executive Council and through its spokesman, Dr. Roland des Groseilliers, have honoured me by presenting the 1985 CAO Presidents' Award.

"I thank you for the honour accorded me — I walk proudly. I appreciate being held in the same esteem as the previous recipients of this award, by you, my colleagues and my peers.

"I can only hope that my contribution to the profession is equal to the benefit and enrichment which I have personally received.

"I am humbled by this recognition. Thank you."

An Alert to Optometrists, Ophthalmologists and Opticians from A.J. Liston, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Minister, Health and Welfare Canada

Dear Practitioner:

In past years, the Health Protection Branch had been made aware of cases of progressive corneal vascularization associated with "extended wear" soft contact lenses. More recently, the Branch has been receiving reports involving "daily wear" soft contact lenses and local surveys confirmed that nearly every ophthalmologist has seen patients who had signs of corneal vascularization.

Vascularization was first observed on the cornea of contact lens users more than 10 years ago. The inability of lenses to transmit enough oxygen to eye tissues was believed responsible. Traumatized or diseased eyes appeared particularly susceptible.^{1,2} The process is characterized in its early stage by asymptomatic growth of new blood vessels into the normally transparent avascular cornea. Vessels begin at the periphery of the cornea and progress gradually towards the centre. Vascular networks are easily seen with the aid of a slit lamp.

As the quality of vision may eventually be diminished if the vessels reach the central part of the eye and as a large number of Canadians wear contact lenses under diverse conditions, more data are needed to establish the extent, the cause and the long term impact of the problem.

In view of the serious nature of corneal vascularization, we should be grateful if you could forward reports of its occurrence to the Bureau of Medical Devices, Environmental Health Centre, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0L2.

Reports need not include names but should include: age of patient; type of lens; length and type of exposure; type of solutions used and any other pertinent data.

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