Yesterday, today and tomorrow

All men by nature desire knowledge
Teaching is the highest form of understanding
– Aristotle

The pioneers of Canadian plastic surgery refined their surgical knowledge and skills almost a century ago, during World War I, giving birth to a specialty that has grown over the years and passing that knowledge to their pupils generation after generation. The surgeons of today are leaders in areas such as craniofacial, microvascular, hand, breast, nerve, transplantation and aesthetic surgery. They have earned worldwide reputations as teachers, researchers and clinicians. Some continue to broaden their expertise in Canada; others have exported their expertise to other countries.

For many years, a wealth of clinical and research work either remained unpublished or occasionally appeared in foreign journals.

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