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BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Noble was a classmate of Dr. Charles Best, graduating in the Physiology and Biochemistry course at the University of Toronto in the spring of 1921. He and Best, both beginning their careers as graduate students, were offered by Dr. J.J.R. Macleod the opportunity of working with Dr. F.G. Banting on the experiments carried out during the summer of 1921 which led to the discovery of insulin. Initially by chance (a toss of a coin decided the first term of service), and later through an agreement with C. Best, who wished to continue working with Banting throughout the summer, Noble did not have the chance to work on the experiments in their earliest stages. Later he formed part of the team which Dr. Macleod assembled in the following academic year to work on the refinement and application of insulin. In the summer of 1922 Noble and Dr. N.A. McCormack carried out experiments at the Marine Biological Station at St. Andrew's, N.B. which established that insulin could be obtained from codfish. Noble continued to work on aspects of insulin for several years. These papers relate only to the early part of his career. The clippings chiefly document the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the discovery of insulin in 1971.

SERIES

Correspondence	1961-1978
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