As mentioned in my last editorial, Joe Meakins has left McGill University of take up a position as the Nuffield Professor of Surgery at Oxford. All of us at the Canadian Journal of Surgery and CMA Publications felt it was imperative that dual editorship of this journal be continued and that general surgery continue to have an important voice in editorial matters relating to the journal.

In the usual fashion, following a meeting senior members of CMA Publications and the Executive of the journal, a search was initiated and recommendations were solicited from the Canadian Association of General Surgeons. An advertisement for the position as Coeditor was placed in the December 2002 issue of the journal.

I am delighted to say that Dr. Garth L. Warnock, Professor of Surgery, University of British Columbia, has accepted the position as Coeditor of the Canadian Journal of Surgery, effective May 1, 2003.

Dr. Warnock is well known to the surgical community in Canada for his pioneering research work in eyelet transplantation at the University of Alberta, and his academic and administrative excellence have been recognized by his recent appointment to the Chair of Surgery at the University of British Columbia.

I share a long association with Dr. Warnock and the journal as we were both Editorial Board members for several years and met with other members of the Editorial Board annually. During that time I came to know Dr. Warnock and have great respect for his dedication to academic excellence in surgery and his ability to balance the many competing aspects of academic life.

Dr. Warnock and I have had an opportunity to discuss future directions for the journal and we hope to expand its scope and improve its level of interest to the readership while maintaining the intellectual vigour the journal has enjoyed under the leadership of Dr. Meakins.

I hope that the changes Dr. Warnock will bring to the journal over succeeding issues will be seen as positive by our readers and, as always, we welcome your suggestions as to how the journal might be improved.

I would ask all of you to join me in welcoming Dr. Warnock as the newest editor of the Canadian Journal of Surgery and join the staff of CMA Publications and the Editorial Board of the journal in wishing him every success in this new position.

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