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WITNEY NAMES TWO NEW
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENTS

Health minister Hon. C.H. Witney Thursday announced the appointment of two new medical superintendents, one for the Brandon Hospital for Mental Diseases and one for the Manitoba School for Retardates at Portage la Prairie.

They are:

. Dr. Andrew H. Moyes, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., present assistant medical superintendent at the Brandon institution, who will succeed Dr. M.E. Bristow as medical superintendent effective February 1, 1966.

. Dr. Glen H. Lowther, M.B., Ch.B., who has been acting medical superintendent of the school for retardates at Portage since the highway death in October of Dr. H.S. Atkinson.

Both doctors were born and educated in Scotland and came directly to Manitoba for service in the psychiatric field.

Dr. Moyes, 40, a 1949 graduate in medicine and surgery from the University of St. Andrews, served as a surgeon-lieutenant in the Royal Navy for two years following graduation. He spent the next eight years in medical practice in the psychiatric field in various hospitals in Britain. During this period -- in 1955 -- he took post-graduate studies at the University of Leeds and obtained his Diploma in Psychological Medicine.

He came to Canada in 1960 as director of the female psychiatric service at Selkirk Hospital for Mental Diseases and in 1962 was appointed assistant medical superintendent at the Brandon institution.

Dr. Moyes is on the teaching faculty, department of psychiatry, University of Manitoba, and has been appointed to the scientific planning committee of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Manitoba division.

He is chairman of the psychiatric section, Manitoba Medical Association, president of the Manitoba Psychiatric Association, and is a member of a number of medical associations in Britain and Canada.

Dr. Lowther, 38, is a 1949 graduate of Glasgow University and after his internship in Glasgow hospitals served in the army medical corps for two years as port medical officer at Cairnyan and regimental medical officer for a bomb disposal unit. He joined the Portage staff as a psychiatrist in 1952. As well, he is a psychiatric consultant for the Portage general hospital and professional consultant since 1962 to the Manitoba Association for Retarded Children.

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Dr. Lowther completed post-graduate studies in mental retardation at the University of Wisconsin and other centres in 1962.

He is a director of the Manitoba branch of the Canadian Conference on Children, secretary of the child psychiatry and mental retardation committee of the Canadian Psychiatric Association, an executive member of the Manitoba Psychiatric Association, former president of the Central District Medical Society and member of the Canadian Psychiatric Association.

He has been chairman of the Portage Elementary School Board since 1957, vice-president (in 1963-64) of the Urban School Trustees of Manitoba and is a director of the Manitoba Association of School Trustees.

Dr. Lowther has published a number of papers in professional journals on mental retardation and is a guest lecturer at the University of Manitoba's school of social work.