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# Clifford Scott

Psychoanalyst trained by Melanie Klein who pioneered the analysis of children in North America

CLIFFORD SCOTT, the Canadian psychoanalyst who has died aged 93, was a pioneer in the use of psychoanalysis to treat manic depression and schizophrenia, and also in the analysis of young children.

Scott wrote more than 80 papers, articles and reviews on a range of subjects, including depression, multiple personality, mania, mourning, and sleep and dreams. He introduced child analysis into Canadian training programmes long before its value was fully understood in America.

William Clifford Munroe Scott was born on March 11 1903, the eldest child of a Presbyterian minister and a schoolmistress. Aged 16, he entered Toronto University to read Medicine and Anatomy.

He went on to train in Psychiatry, first at the newly-opened Toronto Psychiatric Hospital, then at the Manhattan State Hospital and finally at Johns Hopkins, where he studied with such pioneers in the field as Adolf Meyer and Paul Schilder. He also spent a year at the Boston Psychopathic Hospital.

In 1930, Scott was awarded a Commonwealth Fund Fellowship to study Neurology in London, at Queen's

Square Hospital. Once in London, he also commenced psychoanalytic training at the British Psychoanalytic Institute, with Melanie Klein as his analyst and Ernest Jones, Susan Isaacs, Nina Searl and John Rockman as supervisors. He was the first of Melanie Klein's analytic candidates to qualify as an analyst, and became a full member of the Institute in 1935.

From 1933 to 1939, Scott worked as a staff psychiatrist at the Maudsley and Cassel hospitals, and then during the Second World War served as an Emergency Medical Service Psychiatrist in London, Sheffield and South Wales.

After the war, he resumed his activities at the Maudsley and took an active role in British Psycho-Analytical Society. From 1947 to 1948 he was co-editor of the *International Journal of Psycho-Analysis*, and continued as an assistant to the editor for many years. He also acted as an adviser on the neurological aspects of Freud's *Collected Papers*, published by James Strachey.

His term as president of the British Psycho-Analytical Society was cut short when in 1954 he decided to return to Canada, as an Asso-

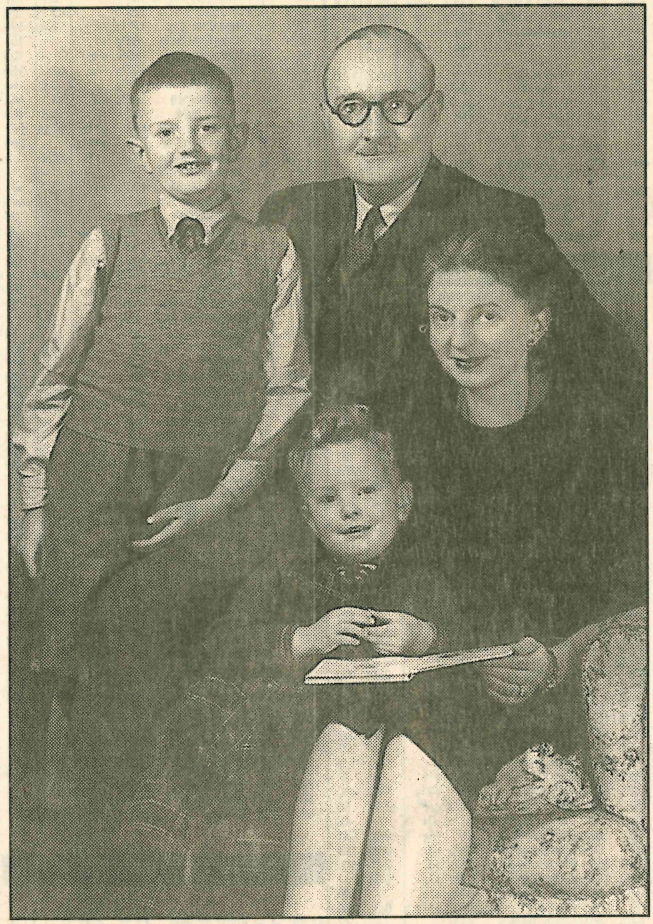
ciate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry of McGill University. He organised training in psychoanalysis with Gottfriede and Johan Aufreiter, both analysts from Vienna, and founded the *Canadian Journal of Psycho-Analysis*.

In 1959 Scott left McGill to concentrate on private practice, and at the same time launched the child analysis training programme in which he was to be involved for the rest of his life. He had a great rapport with the infant and child mind, and believed there to be no better way to enhance the analyst's understanding of the foundations of personality than by analysing the young.

He was a consultant to several Montreal hospitals — the Montreal General, the Jewish General and the Montreal Children's Hospital — and served as president of both the Canadian Psychoanalytic Society and Institute.

Scott was patron of the *Melanie Klein Object Relation Journal*. Not long before his death was delighted to be elected an honorary member of the British Psychoanalytic Society.

Clifford Scott is survived by his second wife, Evelyn, and by two sons of his first marriage.



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