ARCHIBALD GOWANLOCK HUNTSMAN (1883-1973) was a pioneer Canadian oceanographer and fisheries biologist. A native of Ontario, he was educated at the University of Toronto. Although Dr. Huntsman received an MD degree, he never practiced medicine. Instead, he conducted biological oceanographic research in the early years of the 20th century at both Nanaimo, British Columbia and St. Andrews, New Brunswick.

In 1911, Dr. Huntsman was appointed Curator at St. Andrews and later became Director, a post he held until 1934. Dr. Huntsman also served as Director of the newly established Fisheries Experimental Station in Halifax from 1924 to 1928.

Dr. Huntsman served as editor of Fisheries Research Board publications from 1934 to 1949 and as consulting director to the FRB from 1934 to 1953. He also played a leading role in academia and was lecturer and later professor in the Department of Zoology at the University of Toronto for almost 50 years.

Dr. Huntsman was president of the Royal Society of Canada in 1938, and in 1952 was the winner of its Flavelle medal. The Huntsman Marine Laboratory in St. Andrews, founded in 1970, is named in his honour.

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