

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM HAGUE HARRINGTON.

In the death of William Hague Harrington, the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club lost one of its oldest members. Mr. Harrington was not only a distinguished entomologist, but he was also a capable botanist, as well as the possessor of a fund of knowledge on natural history generally.

In 1879, Mr. Harrington, with several other naturalists founded the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club and was chosen as a member of the Committee. In 1880 he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Club. In the following year he was re-elected to the same position and in 1882 the position being divided he was elected Secretary, which office he continued to hold until March, 1885. In that month he was honoured by being elected President of the Club.

At a council meeting of the Club held on March 15 it was resolved as follows:

"The Council of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club has learned with deep regret of the death on Wednesday, March 13, of Mr. William Hague Harrington, F.R.S.C. Mr. Harrington was known and highly respected by entomologists, botanists and other scientific men not only in Canada but throughout the United States as well. His studies, particularly on certain families of insects had given him a wide reputation, and in his death the science of entomology particularly has lost a devoted worker. As a former Secretary and Past President of the Club he was held in high regard by our members."

Mr. Harrington was born at Sydney, Cape Breton, N.S., on April 19, 1852; he was thus almost 66 years old when he died. In 1870, he came to Ottawa and entered the Post Office Department. Here his ability was soon recognized and from one promotion to another he was in 1908 appointed Superintendent of the Savings Bank Branch, an important position in the above department. In June, 1916, after 45 years of public service he was granted superannuation and being thus relieved of official duties he looked forward to being able to devote himself more fully to entomological studies. Unfortunately, however, this was not to be. More recently, particularly during the past two years a continued anaemic condition gradually undermined his system. Last November his condition became decidedly more serious and he was compelled to take to his bed. About that time too, he had a slight paralytic stroke. During the past winter, paralysis increased gradually and this with profound anaemia finally caused death.

A more extended notice will appear in the June, 1918, issue of *The Canadian Entomologist*.

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