

## OBITUARY.

SAMUEL T. WOOD.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Samuel T. Wood, of the Editorial Staff of the Toronto "Globe," which took place, after a lingering illness, on Nov. 6, 1917, at his residence in Toronto.

By his death Canada has lost a writer of great charm, and this loss will be felt by a wide circle of readers, particularly among nature lovers, for it was by his writings on natural history that Mr. Wood was best known.

Mr. Wood, who was of Scotch-Irish parentage, was born on a backwood farm in Hastings County, Ont., in 1860, and was educated at the Belleville public and high schools and the Belleville Business College. Having been from his youth an earnest advocate of single tax he was naturally attracted to journalism as a vocation, and after a year on an Ottawa newspaper he entered the service of the Toronto Globe, first as a reporter and later as an editorial writer.

For some twenty years past he contributed a series of Saturday editorials on various phases of natural history, and these articles reveal an accuracy of observation, together with a deep sense of the poetical in nature, which never degenerated into sentimentality. A selection of these articles was recently published under the title "Ramblings of a Canadian Naturalist," and met with a ready sale among the thousands of readers, who were already familiar with his work in "The Globe."

Although more particularly interested in birds, Mr. Wood possessed a love of nature too broad to restrict him to any one branch of natural history, and though he would have been the last person to claim for himself the title of "entomologist," his observations frequently led him to discourse on insects and their ways in his usual delightful manner. He was a member of the Toronto Branch of the Entomological Society of Ontario, and although not an active contributor to its proceedings his presence at the meetings was always welcome, for he was a most intelligent listener, and usually had some pertinent question or observation to make on the subject in hand.

Besides his interest in Natural History he was a keen student of economics, and published many articles on economic subjects, among which may be mentioned a series of short "Lessons in Economics," which for a time were a daily feature in the *Globe*; and a very excellent "Primer in Political Economy," which he published in 1901.

Mr. Wood had a very quiet and unassuming manner, and a most kindly and attractive personality, which won him a great many friends and admirers. He is survived by his father (Mr. Samuel Wood), his second wife and two sons, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

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#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

The fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Entomological Society of Ontario was held at Macdonald College on November 8th and 9th. Among the visitors from a distance were Dr. T. J. Headlee, New Brunswick, N.J.; Dr. W. C. O'Kane, Durham, N.H.; J. H. Emerton, Boston; A. F. Burgess, Melrose Highlands, Mass.; Professor Brittain, Truro, N.S. The more prominent Quebec delegates included Dr. Chapais, St. Denis-en-bas; Father Leopold and Professor Letourneau, La Trappe; G. Maheux, Provincial Entomologist, Quebec; Dr. Corcoran and Professor Higgins, of Loyola College, Montreal; Dr. Willey, McGill University, and Messrs. Winn, Moore and Cummings, Montreal. The Ontario delegates were Dr. Hewitt, Messrs. Gibson, Swaine and Petch, Ottawa; Professor Caesar and Mr. A. W. Baker, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; Mr. W. A. Ross, Vineland Station; Mr. F. J. A. Morris, Peterborough; Mr. J. D. Evans, Trenton.

Following is the programme:—

Reports of Council, Treasurer, Librarian, Curator, Branch Societies, Delegate to the Royal Society of Canada, and Directors of Divisions.

"Further Notes on the Imported Onion Maggot," by Mr. Arthur Gibson; "The Entomological Service of Quebec," by Mr. George Maheux; "Some Important Insect Pests of the Season," by Prof. L. Caesar; "Insects of the Season in Quebec," by E. M.