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EDITORIAL

THE PASSING OF A LEADER.

With the death of the late Dr. C. C. James, Canada sustained the loss of one of her greater sons. To Canadian, Agriculture, is the shock most particularly keen for Dr. James was unquestionably one of its foremost leaders.

His work in Agriculture definitely began in 1886 when he came to the O.A.C. as Professor in Chemistry. This position he occupied for five years, leaving in 1891 to accept the joint position of Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario and Secretary of the Ontario Bureau of Industries.

His term of office in this capacity was marked by the many improvements which were made in the interests of Ontario farmers, one of the chief being the establishment, in 1906, of the present system of district representatives. He was also influential in bringing the Ontario Veterinary College into

affiliation with the University of Toronto.

In 1912, his appointment as Agricultural Commissioner for Canada opened up a still larger sphere of activities. Here he was enabled to carry on much important investigational work, and since 1913 has had the administration of the Agricultural Instruction Act under his direct supervision,—this act providing for the expenditure of \$10,000,000 in ten years for purposes of instruction and demonstration in agriculture, in the various provinces of the Dominion.

In 1914 he was appointed as a member of the Board of Inquiry into the High Cost of Living and since the outbreak of the war, has been actively connected with the campaigns for Patriotism and Production and Production and Thrift.

At all times, Dr. James was a student