

must have the effect of stimulating intelligent research in this important department of natural science."

"Within comparatively recent years the bounty of the Government has greatly assisted the operations of this Society. Its periodical publications, ranging over many years, contain a vast amount of original matter, recording valuable observations of a most instructive character on insects in all parts of Canada. These publications have been much sought after, both in Europe and America; some of the early numbers have been reprinted in order to meet the demand, and complete sets of the Society's works are now found in many prominent scientific libraries on both continents."

This quotation from the work of a barrister, who is not particularly interested in natural science, is highly appreciated testimony to the usefulness and value of the Society which Professor Croft was largely instrumental in founding.

Another Society which owed much in its origin and early years to the fostering care and enthusiastic support of Professor Croft, one of its founders, is the Canadian Institute of Toronto, now by warrant of His Majesty King George entitled to the prefix of *Royal*. Twice Professor Croft was elected President and for a long series of years he was a member of its Council and regular attendant at its meetings. Its periodical, "The Canadian Journal," received many contributions on chemical subjects from his pen. He was not, however, a voluminous writer, and it is much to be regretted that his stores of experience and research were not rendered available to students in a permanent form. His work on Analytical Chemistry for the use of students in Arts and Medicine was long employed as a text-book, and was an evidence of what he might have done in the field of scientific authorship, had he been so inclined.

In these days of terrible war it is interesting to know that Professor Croft took an active part in the formation of the Canadian Volunteer force, which was brought into being during the winter of 1861-62, when there seemed to be imminent danger of an armed conflict between this country and the United States in consequence of the "Trent affair." Professor Croft called a meeting of students and ex-students at the University and excited