

## CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM, OTTAWA.

The following appointments have been made to fill the place of the late Dr. Fletcher, the work that he so successfully carried out having been divided: Mr. C. Gordon Hewitt, B.Sc., of Manchester University, has been appointed Entomologist, and Mr. H. T. Gussow, Botanist.

Both of these gentlemen are very highly spoken of, and from the testimonials and other information received by the Commissioners appear to be highly-qualified men. Mr. Hewitt has published some excellent papers on injurious and other insects, illustrated by beautiful plates of his own drawing. He has had considerable experience in dealing with economic questions, and will no doubt soon become familiar with the problems which confront us in this country. Mr. Gussow was brought up in Breslau, studied also in Leipzig, and, in addition, has spent some time in the Pasteur Institute in France. During the last six years he has been assistant to Dr. Carruthers in connection with the Royal Agricultural Society of England. Both these gentlemen will no doubt prove great acquisitions to the scientific staff of the Farm and to the country at large.

We hope that Mr. Arthur Gibson will be retained as assistant. He has had ten years' training under Dr. Fletcher, is now an accomplished economic Entomologist, his specialty being the Lepidoptera, and his knowledge of that order is of great value. There is no doubt plenty of work to be done in these departments by a much larger staff than the Farm has ever possessed.

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GEORGE W. PECK.

We regret to record the death of another of our veteran entomologists, in the person of Mr. George W. Peck, of Roselle Park, N. J. He died on the 18th of May, at the age of seventy-two; he was born in Boston, and was a descendant of one of the Mayflower Pilgrims. After being engaged in business in Boston for some years, he removed to New York and became the part owner and head of a wholesale business in glass and tin supplies. His heart, however, was engrossed with nature studies, and he acquired no little reputation in his own neighbourhood as an entomologist and horticulturist. His collection of Lepidoptera is one of the best in New Jersey. He never made any contributions to entomological publications, but, being an enthusiastic collector, he was well known to a great many.