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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.