

April 7th was 44° Far., wind S.W.-N.W., heavy rain in afternoon  
 coming with strong  
 westerly wind.  
 " 8th " 24° " " N.W., snow flurries.

### OBITUARY.

REV. GEORGE W. TAYLOR, F.R.S.C., NANAIMO, B.C.

In the death of the Rev. George W. Taylor, on August 22nd, Canadian zoology loses one of its most distinguished workers. To a great many of his friends in eastern Canada, especially in Ottawa, the announcement must have come with a shock of surprise, for when last in the Capital, five years ago, attending the Royal Society meetings, as a Fellow, he was full of vigour and activity. He received something like an ovation from his brother scientists here, as his visits, owing to his residence on the Pacific coast, were of rare occurrence. With his great friend, the late Dr. James Fletcher, he spent much time on his last visit, but he had hosts of other friends who were delighted to see him once more in Ottawa. Born in Derby, England, in 1854, he became connected with the excellent Natural History Museum in that busy railway centre, and acquired a reputation as an original observer, but on coming to Canada in 1882 he applied himself, with such vigour and success, to work in conchology and entomology that he soon took a first place as an authority; his collections of land and freshwater shells, and of marine mollusca, and his collection of N. A. Geometridae are amongst the finest in existence.

As a clergyman of the Church of England much of his time was taken up with parish work in Ottawa, Ont., and in Victoria, Nanaimo, and Wellington, B.C., but he never abated in his devotion to scientific studies. For some years he gave up clerical work, and resided in a lovely but lonely spot at the north end of Gabriola Island, in the Straits of Georgia, in order to investigate the marine zoology of the nearby marvellously rich waters, and in the hope that a biological station would be founded there by the Dominion Government. This long cherished ambition was at last gratified when, in 1909, laboratory buildings were erected at Departure Bay, and the Board of Management, composed of professors in the chief universities of the Dominion chose him as the first curator, a position he held until his death. He threw himself with all his energy into his new duties, and by constant dredging expeditions and shore collecting accumulated a vast collection of marine fishes and invertebrates,