

member of the international juries at Paris in 1855 and 1867 and at the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition in 1876. He was an officer of the French order of the Legion of Honor and of the Italian order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus.

In 1878, Dr. Hunt retired from public professional life and devoted himself mainly to the perfecting of his more important works in new editions and to the preparation of his "Systematic Mineralogy." His health and strength, however, gradually declined, and continuing to work almost to the last, he passed away peacefully on Friday, February 12th, 1892. His death at a comparatively early age must be deplored as a great loss to science; but he had the good fortune, not granted to all scientific workers, to have means and leisure in his closing years to bring together in a complete and elaborated form all the principal scientific results of the work of his life.

Dr. Hunt was at the time of his death one of the oldest members of the Natural History Society of Montreal. He had been its President, and for many years one of its vice-presidents, and a member of its council. He took a lively interest in the society and in its publications; and frequently contributed papers and lectures to its proceedings. The Society owes much to his long continued and active influence in its affairs.

In 1878, Dr. Hunt married the eldest daughter of the late Mr. Justice Gale, a lady of culture and literary taste, who survives him.

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THE EXPERIMENTAL FARMS OF CANADA.

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The work now being conducted by the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa and its several branches, had its origin in a resolution of the House of Commons of the 30th January, 1884, appointing a Committee "to inquire into