

ROBERT B. WHYTE.

In the sudden passing of Mr. R. B. Whyte, on April 15, 1918, Ottawa lost one of her most useful and respected citizens. He stood for all that was highest in the life of the city and the nation. He scorned all that was mean, dishonest and low. His aspirations were of the noblest and the best in everything. What he accomplished is recorded in many ways, and not the least in the hearts of those who knew him best. The influence of the good which he did during his life will last for many a day. Old men and little children praise him. He was the greatest amateur horticulturist of his time in Canada.

True lovers of nature are born, not made. From his early youth the late R. B. Whyte was interested in wild flowers and, in fact, in all branches of natural history, and though at an early age he was obliged to spend long days in his father's business, he managed to get some time in which to study plants. His largest collection of wild flowers was made in 1875, but each year he searched the woods diligently about Ottawa for new things, and his herbarium at length contained most of the species found in the Ottawa district. When the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club was formed in 1879 he was one of the charter members and the first Secretary of the club. He was President in 1888-89, a member of the council for many years, and was always an active member of the club. He received much inspiration in those days from the late Dr. James Fletcher with whom he was closely associated.

His health began to fail about five years ago, and although he could not take as much physical exercise as in former years, his brain was just as active and his interest in everything as great up to his sudden death from over exertion in his garden. He was sixty-seven years of age when he died and his wife, two sons and five daughters are left to mourn his loss, besides a host of friends.

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BIRD NOTES FROM MANITOBA.

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THE ARKANSAS KINGBIRD.

The breeding range of the Arkansas Kingbird, *Tyrannus verticalis*, is usually given as Western United States, Southern Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. It has also been recorded as breeding at Pilot Mound, Man., by Dr. H. M. Speechly and at Treesbank, Man., by the writer. Since the above observations were made the bird has been met with in other localities, which would seem to indicate that it is not as rare in the province as was previously supposed. A pair