

BUMBLE BEES AND WASPS WANTED.

Mr. F. W. L. Sladen, Assistant Entomologist for Apiculture, Division of Entomology, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, is making a special study of the Bumble Bees (genera *Bombus* and *Psithyrus*) and the Social Wasps (genera *Vespa*, *Polistes* and *Polybia*). He would be glad if anyone who finds a bumble bee's nest would send him a few specimens of the bees, without destroying the nest, so that he may determine the species. He would also like to receive specimens caught on flowers, especially in out-of-the-way districts.

Bumble bees and wasps are best killed with cyanide of potassium. Crushed tissue paper should be placed in the killing bottle to absorb any moisture, which otherwise mat and spoil the coats of the specimens. Wasps should not be allowed to remain in cyanide fumes for long, or their yellow markings will turn red. The specimens should be packed in soft tissue paper, or mounted on entomological pins and labelled with the date and *locality* of capture, and *also the collector's name*, and sent in a strong box, by mail, to the "Dominion Entomologist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa." Postage is free.

Specimens should be in good condition, not faded or damaged by exposure, and should include the large queens that are to be found chiefly in May and June, as well as the smaller workers that occur in abundance in July and the males that are common in August and September. Any notes on their habits and about the flowers they frequent and pollinate would be valued.

OBITUARY.

WE regret to record the death of William Greenwood Wright at San Bernardino, California, at the age of 83. Mr. Wright travelled extensively on the North American continent, collecting chiefly Lepidoptera. He assisted W. H. Edwards in the preparation of his "Butterflies of North America", but his most important work was "The Butterflies of the West Coast" published in 1905. He contributed to this Journal.