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WILLIAM HAGUE HARRINGTON.

In the death of William Hague Harrington, which occurred at Ottawa, on March 13, 1918, the Entomological Society of Ontario lost one of its oldest members. Mr. Harrington was not only a distinguished entomologist but he was also a capable botanist, as well as the possessor of a fund of knowledge on natural history generally.

Born at Sydney, Cape Breton, N.S., on April 19, 1852, he was thus almost 66 years old when he died. His early education was received at a private school. Later he entered the Sydney Academy, distinguishing himself in all lines of study, particularly in mathematics. In 1870, he left Nova Scotia for Ottawa and in November of that year entered the Federal Civil Service, receiving an appointment in the Post Office Department. Here his ability was soon recognized, and from one promotion to another he was, in 1908, appointed Superintendent of the Savings Bank Branch, an important position in the above department. In June, 1916, after 45 years of public service he was granted superannuation, and being thus relieved of official duties, he looked forward to being able to devote himself more fully to entomological studies. Unfortunately, however, this was not to be. More recently, particularly during the past two years, a continued anaemic condition gradually undermined his system. The cold Ottawa winters were felt keenly by him, and during the summers his strength was not sufficient to allow him to undertake any important collecting or other work. Last November his condition became decidedly more serious and he was compelled to take to his bed. About that time too, he had a slight paralytic stroke. During the past winter, paralysis increased gradually and this with profound anaemia finally caused death.

In 1879, Mr. Harrington, with several other naturalists founded the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, and was chosen as a member of the Committee. In 1880 he was elected Secretary-