

MEMORIAL TO LATE DR. FLETCHER

A memorial number in recognition of the late Dr. Fletcher has been issued by the Ottawa Naturalist, the organ of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club. In this number tributes are given by the men who were most closely associated with him to his attainments as a botanist and his great work on behalf of farmers. Several suggestions have been made by a committee of the Naturalists' Club, looking toward some permanent memorial, the most feasible being (a) a fountain at the Central Experimental Farm; (b) a statue to be placed in the grounds of the new Natural History Museum; (c) a bust or portrait to be placed in that building or at the Central Experimental Farm, and (d) to found a bursary at some Canadian university.

Summing up the work of Dr. Fletcher during the twenty-one years of his connection with the Dominion Experimental Farm, the Director, Dr. William Saunders, says: "He carried on a large correspondence with farmers in almost every part of the Dominion. He also attended farmers' meetings in all the different Provinces, where, in his addresses on various topics, he conveyed in a pleasant and forceful manner, and in his own genial way, much valuable information to his hearers. His influence was always exerted for good. He was happy in his work and in the consciousness that through his efforts the condition of the farmer and fruit-grower was being improved and their employment made more remunerative."

Expressions of appreciation are also given in the Naturalist by Mr. A. E. Attwood, Lieut.-Colonel W. White, Mr. W. H. Harrington, Mr. R. B. Whyte, Mr. Arthur Gibson, Prof. John Macoun, Dr. H. M. Ami, Mr. Frank T. Shutt, the Rev. G. Elfrig, Mr. E. R. Cameron, Mr. T. J. MacLaughlin, Mr. W. J. Topley and Dr. S. B. Sinclair.

Dr. Fletcher will be greatly missed. His was a beautiful and useful life.

MINISTER DUFF REPLIES

Toronto, Feb. 8, 1909.

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Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., with which you enclose resolution passed by the Brantford Bee-keepers' Association, expressing the appreciation of its members at the interest taken in the bee-keeping industry by the Department over which I preside. I am glad indeed to know that the efforts of the Department have met with the approval of the bee-keepers of your district. I may say that I trust that the future will witness no lessening of our efforts to encourage this branch of agriculture in our Province.

Yours very truly,

JAS. S. DUFF,
Minister of Agriculture.

PAST SEASON GOOD

The season of 1908 was one of the best I ever knew. I went into winter a year ago with 108 colonies, united a few last spring, commenced the season with ninety-six colonies, took a little over six tons surplus honey, mostly extracted, gathered from wild raspberry, clover and buckwheat; have now 114 colonies, seventy-eight outdoors in chaff hives and thirty-six in the cellar, wintering on solid combs of sealed buckwheat honey.

Alsike clover yielded splendidly, also buckwheat, for the season was prolonged. The Silver Hull variety of buckwheat is sown exclusively here now, for the Japanese is not liked by the farmers, and I think the Silver Hull is best for honey.

ILA MICHENER.

Low Banks, Jan. 12, 1909.

Renew your subscription to the C.B.J. and help along the bee industry. We are endeavoring to give you something that will help you. Your dollar is well invested. It will be returned to you many times over.