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UNVEILING OF THE JAMES FLETCHER MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN.*

The unveiling of the James Fletcher Memorial Fountain took place at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, on Tuesday afternoon, the 19th July, 1910, at the hour of 4.30 p.m. The ceremony was a complete success in every way. Several hundreds of people came out from the city, and some distinguished visitors from a distance were also present. The Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club, under whose auspices the Fountain was erected, was largely represented from its local membership. Official representatives from the Royal Society of Canada and the Entomological Society of Ontario were also present, and took a prominent part in the proceedings.

Before introducing the speakers, Mr. E. R. Cameron, K. C., the Chairman of the Fletcher Memorial Committee, outlined briefly the steps that led to the erection of the Fountain, instancing facts in regard to the work of the Committee, the soliciting of subscriptions and the decision, after the most careful enquiry and consideration, to place the work of the memorial in the hands of Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U. S., an artist of wide repute who has won a high place in the salons of London and Paris for his work in bronzes.

The Honourable Sydney A. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, who unveiled the Memorial Fountain, spoke in the very highest of terms of the late Dr. Fletcher and his work for Canada. He referred to his early associations with him, and in a charming manner described how the personal friendship which began many years ago continued up to the time of his death. He said that Dr. Fletcher was one of the first, if not the very first person, to welcome him to Ottawa on his election as a Member of Parliament. He then went on to speak of his relations with him as Minister of Agriculture. Dr. Fletcher, he said, represented the ideal type of a public servant. The work which he did throughout the whole of Canada was of the greatest benefit to the country at large. Entirely forgetting himself in every way, he gave up his whole time to the work in

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