

OBITUARY.

JOHN CRAIG, M. S. Agr., Late Professor of Horticulture,
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The recent death of Prof. John Craig is deeply deplored by his many friends. Those who knew him when he lived in Ottawa will remember his tall, manly figure; his rugged strength and the iron-like grip of his hand, and they can scarcely believe that with his great physique serious illness could lay hold upon him. But, he has been cut down in the prime of life. He died at Siasconset, Massachusetts, on August 10th, 1912, at the age of 48 years, after an illness of several months.

When Mr. Craig came to Ottawa in 1890 he soon joined the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, becoming a member that year, and until he left the city in the autumn of 1897 he took an active part in the Club's work. He was particularly interested in botany and was a leader in that branch. He contributed many interesting articles on botanical and horticultural subjects to THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, both while he was in Ottawa and after leaving here. He was Treasurer of the Club in 1897.

Mr. Craig was born at Lakefield, Argenteuil Co., P.Q., in 1864. His father, the late William Craig, was manager of the estate of the late Chas. Gibb, a noted horticulturist of Abbotsford, Quebec, a lover of fruits and flowers, from whom Mr. Craig received the inspiration which decided him to make horticulture his life's work. From the High School in Montreal he went to the Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, in 1885, where he specialized in horticulture and economic botany, becoming, in 1887, Assistant to Prof. J. L. Budd, Professor of Horticulture, and, in 1888, Assistant to the Director, having charge, while he held the latter office, of the Department of Horticulture of the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station. In January, 1890, he entered the service of the Dominion Government, becoming Horticulturist of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, which position he held until the autumn of 1897. The work in horticulture developed greatly under him. The use of Bordeaux Mixture in preventing the development of certain diseases of fruit was practically unknown in Canada when he began experiments and as early as 1890 we find him trying different formulæ to determine the best to use. To his energy in rapidly spreading the good news of the possible control of apple scab, is largely due the wide and early use of Bordeaux Mixture in Canada. When the San José Scale was first discovered