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EDITORIAL.

It will be with deep regret, we are sure, that the readers of *THE CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST* will receive the information that MR. SAUNDERS, who has for so many years so ably filled the position of Editor of this magazine, has felt himself obliged to resign for the present all active connection with it. His resignation has been occasioned by his appointment to the important and arduous office of Director of the Experimental Farm Stations of the Dominion.

For some time last year Mr. Saunders was engaged in visiting many of the Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farms in the United States, and prepared an exhaustive report upon his observations, which was laid before the Dominion Parliament at its last session, and received the highest commendation. During the present year he visited England in charge of the Canadian fruit display at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in London, and since his return he undertook and carried out successfully the experiment of shipping to England a large variety of fruits and vegetables in special refrigerators, constructed under his direction in two of the principal ocean steamships sailing from Montreal. These multiform occupations, involving almost constant absence from home, while they attest the versatility of Mr. Saunders' powers, will account to our readers for the occasional want of punctuality in the issues of this magazine during the last twelve-month.

With regard to his fitness for his new position, we may quote an extract from the Ottawa correspondence of the London *Free Press*:

"Mr. Saunders is a gentleman singularly well qualified for the position to which the Government has appointed him. He was for years President of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association—a position which he held by reason of his superior knowledge of all that appertains to the cultivation of fruit. He is recognized as one of the leading chemists of the Dominion, and was at one time one of the chief officers of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has been for years the

leading entomologist of the Dominion, and to that branch of natural science has made many valuable literary contributions. He is a member of the Executive Board in charge of the Provincial Agricultural College at Guelph—a position which shows in some degree the extent to which his knowledge of scientific agriculture is recognized by the Ontario Government. He has, to an extent more generally perhaps than any other man in the Dominion, conducted delicate experiments of an agricultural character, and in assuming the directorship of the new farm stations will be following in the groove to which his efforts and education have for years tended. He also combines with rare executive ability the faculty of intelligently communicating his ideas to others. Just such a man was wanted.”

Having enjoyed the privilege of Mr. Saunders' friendship for close upon five and twenty years, we feel that the above description does not express one half his merits. Taking him all round, we know of no one who possesses such an accurate knowledge of various departments of science, for instance, Entomology, Botany, practical Chemistry, etc.—of fruit culture, embracing the scientific work of hybridization—of finance,—in fact, in all that he takes up he speedily becomes *facile princeps*; and with it all he has a geniality of character and a kindness of heart that win for him hosts of affectionate friends wherever he goes. While we regret his loss to our Entomological Society—a temporary one, we trust—we cannot but congratulate the Dominion upon the possession of a man who is so well qualified in every way for the important work of organizing and directing its Experimental Farm Stations.

At the request of Mr. Saunders, as well as of other members of our Society, we have consented, with much hesitation, to endeavor to fill the vacant chair of Editor of THE CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST. We only venture to resume this work, after a lapse of thirteen years, in full reliance upon the kind consideration and the hearty co-operation of all our old friends—of all, indeed, who are interested in the welfare of this magazine, and in the extension of a knowledge of our special department of science. We have already received so many cheering letters and so many valuable and interesting contributions from leading entomologists in this country and the United States, that we feel very hopefully confident that the reputation and usefulness of our journal will be sustained in the future as in the past.

Not to trespass further upon the patience of our readers, we have now to request that all communications for THE CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST should be addressed to the Editor,

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

The annual meeting of the Society was held pursuant to notice at the Society's rooms, London, Ontario, on Wednesday, October 20, 1886, at 8 o'clock.

The Vice-President, Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, M. A., of Port Hope, in the chair.

Present: Mr. James Fletcher, Ottawa; Mr. J. Alston Moffatt, Hamilton; Rev. Thos. W. Fyles, South Quebec; Mr. A. W. Hanham, Hamilton; Capt. Gamble Geddes, Toronto; Dr. J. R. White, Toronto; Mr. J. M. Denton, Mr. J. Bowman, Dr. Burgess, Dr. Arnott, Dr. Woolverton, Mr. H. P. Bock, Mr. Laurence Reed, Mr. Werner, Dr. Wishart, Dr. Mitchell, of London, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. E. Baynes Reed.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been printed and circulated among the members, their reading was dispensed with, and they were duly confirmed.

The Secretary read a letter from the President, Professor Saunders, regretting his inability to be present at the meeting, and stating that he would be unable to continue in active participation in the work of the Society, or to act as Editor of THE CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, inasmuch as he had accepted the Government appointment of Director of the Experimental Farm Stations, and consequently the whole of his time would necessarily be fully occupied.

The report of the Council, the audited financial statement of the Secretary-Treasurer, the report of the Librarian, the report of the Delegate to the Royal Society of Canada, and the report of the Delegates to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, were laid before the meeting, and on motion duly received, discussed and adopted.