

DR. C. GORDON HEWITT.

It is with the most profound regret that we have to record the death of Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion Entomologist, who died at Ottawa on February 29, 1920, of pneumonia, following a brief, but very severe attack of influenza. He had been attending the meetings of the Conservation Commission in Montreal, and was taken ill on the day of his return to Ottawa, February 20.

By his death Canada has lost one of her ablest men of science, and the Department of Agriculture a most valuable servant, through whose wide knowledge of economic zoology, farsighted judgment and great administrative ability the Dominion Entomological Service has developed to a remarkable extent in its scope and activities since his appointment as Dominion Entomologist in 1909.

An account of Dr. Hewitt's life and work, and a list of his publications, will appear in our next issue.

ENTOMOLOGICAL BRANCH DIVISION OF FOREST INSECTS.

Mr. Ralph Hopping, in charge of forest insect investigations in British Columbia for the Division of Forest Insects, is supervising control operations in the beetle-infested yellow pine of the Cold-water valley and the adjoining district west of Merritt and Canford, B.C. The work is undertaken in cooperation with the Prov. Forest Branch of British Columbia, the Dominion Forest Branch and local lumber companies. The control methods include modified logging operations, the salvage of the timber when this is feasible, and the burning of the slash. Mr. Hopping is having excellent success in organizing this important work, and we entertain great hopes that a large body of fine timber will be saved thereby.

CORRECTION OF TWO GENERIC NAMES IN
COLEOPTERA AND HYMENOPTERA.

In the Proceedings of the United States National Museum, Vol. 56, p. 139, et sequa, the writer made premature use of the generic name *Coleomegilla*, its proper publication in another journal having been delayed and finally omitted. The name should be credited to Dr. T. D. A. Cockerell, who supplied the writer with the following note in September, 1918: "Mr. Timberlake asks concerning the name in which I have had in manuscript since 1906 for the genus typified by *Megilla maculata* DeGeer, the name *Megilla* being preoccupied. It is *Coleomegilla*, and if we adopt it the species becomes *Coleomegilla maculata*." (Signed) T. D. A. Cockerell.

On page 190 of the same Proceedings the writer proposed the new genus *Brethesia* for a South American Encyrtid. This name is preoccupied by *Brethesia* Schrottky, and *Brethesiella* is here proposed to take its place, with *Brethesia latifrons* as type, the two included species becoming *Brethesiella latifrons* and *abnormicornis*.

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