

OBITUARY—ERIC HEARLE *

It is with very great sorrow and regret that we have to record the death, on April 17 of this year, of one of the Society's most valued members. Mr. Hearle passed away suddenly at his home in Kamloops at the comparatively early age of forty-one after an extended period of ill health due to heart trouble. Never very robust, his health was further weakened by hardships experienced during the great war in which he was seriously wounded. In his capacity as Federal officer in charge of the Kamloops laboratory, where he was engaged principally upon the study of insects affecting livestock, he never spared himself whether engaged upon research or when called upon to give the benefit of his knowledge and experience to the farmers of the district. He was possessed of boundless enthusiasm and the enforced inactivity which was necessary after the breakdown of his health early in 1933, was very irksome to him. A man of less energetic nature would have been content to take things very easily when in such a serious condition but Hearle was not of that build. After a year's rest his health seemed to be much improved and being impatient to get back to work he undertook more than was prudent, and wore himself out.

Mr. Hearle first became a member of this Society in 1919 in which year he was appointed Assistant Entomologist in the Dominion Entomological Branch and was stationed at Mission, B.C., where he was engaged upon the study of the mosquito problem in the Fraser Valley. In 1921 he commenced an investigation of mosquito control in the Rocky Mountain National Park and concluded this work in 1925. In 1926 his headquarters were moved to Indian Head, Sask., where he undertook studies of insects affecting livestock, remaining there for two years. In 1928 it was found necessary to establish a laboratory at Kamloops where livestock insect investigations could be carried on and Mr. Hearle was placed in charge. From this headquarters studies of ticks, warble flies, blackflies and other livestock insects were carried out and a vast amount of valuable information collected.

* A more extensive obituary of the late Mr. Hearle appeared in the Canadian Entomologist for August 1934, Vol. 66 with details of his early life and training, by Arthur Gibson.

The late Mr. Hearle possessed a genial and lovable personality which made him popular in the communities in which he laboured and endeared him to all his friends. By his death this Society loses a very valuable member and generous contributor to its Proceedings and the country at large has lost an entomologist of outstanding ability, whose place it will be very hard to fill.

Besides his contributions to the Proceedings of this Society, Mr. Hearle published many articles in the *Canadian Entomologist* and was author of Pamphlet No. 147—New Series, "Warble flies and their Control in Canada" and joint author with C. R. Twinn of Circular No. 62—"Mosquito control in Canada." His work in the Fraser Valley is published in report No. 17 of the National Research Council, "The Mosquitoes of the Lower Fraser Valley, British Columbia, and their control."

Mr. Hearle leaves behind him his wife and three children to whom this Society extends its very deep sympathy.

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