

York from September 23 to 25 at the American Museum of Natural History. The council is an official technical advisory board representing the countries of France, Newfoundland, Canada and the United States established in 1921 for the purpose of coordinating fishery investigations by the various countries in the North Atlantic region where nationals of all the countries concerned are engaged in the extensive commercial fisheries.

Owing to the resignation of Dr. Harold Thompson as director of fishery investigations in Newfoundland to undertake the direction of similar work in Australia, that country was not represented, nor was Dr. Edouard le Danois, the French delegate, able to attend. Full delegations from Canada and the United States, however, were present, including Dr. Henry B. Bigelow, chairman of the council; Frank T. Bell and Elmer Higgins, of the Bureau of Fisheries; Wm. A. Found, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Canada; Dr. A. G. Huntsman, secretary of the council, and Dr. J. P. McMurrich, of the Biological Board of Canada. R. H. Fiedler, chief of the Division of Fishery Industries, and I. E. Sette, Wm. C. Herrington and John R. Webster, of the staff of the North Atlantic Fishery Investigations of the Bureau, also attended as technical advisers, together with a corresponding group from Canada. The next meeting of the council will be held early in September, 1937, in some Canadian city to be chosen at a later date.

RECENT DEATHS

DR. JUSTUS WATSON FOLSOM, entomologist of the Louisiana Station of the Division of Cotton Insect Investigations, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, U. S. Department of Agriculture, at Tal-

ulah, and previously for about twenty-five years a member of the faculty of the University of Illinois, died on September 24 at the age of sixty-five years.

DR. SAMUEL MONTGOMERY KINTNER, vice-president in charge of engineering of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, formerly professor of electrical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh, known for his work on radio communications and broadcasting, died on September 28 at the age of sixty-four years.

DR. GEORGE A. MACCALLUM died on September 30 at the age of ninety-three years. Dr. MacCallum, who was the father of Dr. William G. MacCallum, professor of pathology and bacteriology at the Johns Hopkins University, was born and for many years practised medicine in Canada. Later, as a student of parasitology, he was connected with the New York Zoological Park, the Aquarium and the American Museum of Natural History.

Nature records the death on August 18 of Dr. W. H. Harrison, formerly Imperial agricultural research chemist for the Government of India, lately acting agricultural adviser, aged fifty-nine years.

DR. F. J. F. SHAW, director of the Agricultural Research Institute at Pusa, India, officiating as agricultural expert to the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, died on July 29.

DR. ROBERT STIRTON THORNTON, an organizer of the Canadian Medical Association, formerly minister of education for Manitoba, died on September 18 at the age of seventy-three years. Dr. Thornton served in the Manitoba Legislature as a liberal member for eleven years, seven with a minister's portfolio.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

At the forty-first annual convention of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, in session in New York City last week, the Lucien Howe Medal "for outstanding achievement in ophthalmology" was presented to Sir John Herbert Parsons, London.

AN honorary doctorate has been conferred by the University of London on Dr. Max Planck, professor of physics at the University of Berlin, president of the Kaiser Wilhelm Society for the Advancement of Science.

Nature reports that Sir Arthur Smith Woodward, Sir Charles Sherrington, M. Ruzicka and M. Bottazzi have been elected associates of the Royal Academy of Belgium. Professor F. van den Branden, professor of clinical urology in the University of Brussels, and

Professor H. Fredericq, professor of zoology in the University of Liège, have been elected correspondents of the academy.

It is stated in the *Journal* of the American Medical Association that, at a recent meeting of the international committee awarding prizes for the best works on rheumatism at Moscow, Professor Intvar, of Lund, Sweden, Professor van Breemen, of the Netherlands, Professor Maximilian P. Conchalovsky and Professor G. M. Danichevsky, of Moscow, were present. Forty-two scientific works were reviewed. The prize of \$10,000 was divided in equal parts among Professor Calniere, of Stockholm; P. Wayle, of Paris; Schlesinger, of London, and Freinied, of Vienna.

THE thousand dollar prize of the *Readers Digest* has been awarded to Dr. Wilton Marion Krogman, asso-