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REVEREND FATHER LEOPOLD, O.C.R., D.S.A. (1884-1947)

The Reverend Father Leopold, of the Oka Agricultural Institute, died suddenly on January 30, 1947, in his sixty-fourth year. At the time of his death, he was Director of External Relations of the Institute.

He was born at Nassau, British West Indies, on January 15, 1884, the son of Enrique Ortiz y Pi, a Spanish consular official, and Ada R. Black. He began his studies at the Sulpician College, Montreal, and he studied philosophy and theology at the Monastery of La Trappe, near Montreal, which he entered in 1902. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1907. Later, he studied horticulture in France, at Versailles and Angers.

Father Leopold served the Oka Agricultural Institute, and horticulture and plant-protection, long and well. He taught plant-protection at Oka and was Professor of Horticulture there from 1912 to 1946. In 1920 and 1928, respectively, he became Director of the faculties of agriculture and of veterinary science, positions which he held until 1938, when he became Director of External Relations for the Institute. He was a charter member of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists and of the Quebec Society for the Protection of Plants and served the latter as president from 1925 until 1928. He was president of the Entomological Society of Ontario from 1925 to 1927 and of the Pomological Society of Quebec in 1917. Father Leopold served as a member of the executive of the National Advisory Committee on Agricultural Services in Canada and as a member of the Associate Committee on Agriculture of the National Research Council of Canada. He was an officer of the "M^érite Agricole de France," and he was awarded the honorary degree D.S.A. (Doctor of Science in Agriculture) by the University of Montreal in 1927.

Father Leopold's was a busy pen and produced a constant stream of articles on horticultural subjects for the popular press. He was the author of two books, *La Culture Fruitière dans la Province de Québec*, which appeared in 1914, and *La Culture des Fleurs et le Jardin Paysager*, published first in 1935 and in a third edition in 1945.

His broad contacts, with students and colleagues at Oka and the University of Montreal, with the Church, with horticulturists and entomologists, made Father Leopold many things to many people. He was said to be an exacting teacher, but he is known best to some of us as a genial student of nature and an enthusiastic collector of insects, especially Coleoptera. A large collection of insects remains at Oka as a result of his entomological interests.