

Christian Brother, Noted Botanist, Killed

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St. Hyacinthe, Que., July 21—
Brother Marie-Victorin, 59, inter-
nationally known botanist and di-
rector of the Montreal Botanical
Gardens, was fatally injured in a
motor car accident at nearby Ste.
Rosalie. Nine other persons were
hurt in the crash.

With Brother Marie-Victorin were
Brother Roland Germain, 60, also
of the Christian Brothers, and three
botany students. They were re-
turning from botanical work at
Black Lake. Brother Germain suf-
fered leg injuries. The students
were able to leave the hospital after
treatment.

Brother Marie-Victorin was one
of Canada's outstanding scientists.
The former Conrad Kirouac, he be-
came a member of the faculty of
the University of Montreal in 1920,
and in 1923 was named a member
of the Royal Society of Canada. He
had been honored by scientific so-
cieties in the United States, England
and France, and since 1930 he had
represented Canada on the Inter-
national Commission of Botanical
Nomenclature. In 1930 he was a
guest lecturer at Harvard Univer-
sity.

His publications number more
than 300, including 100 on botany
and the others on literature, educa-
tion, general science and history.
He had made extensive studies of
the flora of Quebec and Canada gen-
erally, as well as that of Mexico,
Central America, the West Indies,
and Cuba. Recently the Govern-
ment of Cuba conferred on him the
title of Officer of the Legion of
Honor of Cuba.