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The Wily Alien

(By G. E. Mantell)

It is sometimes said that the native grey goose is the most sagacious bird in creation. However, admitting that the stately "honker" is supreme in its class, we have now an alien in the Canadian West—one of the lesser order of game fowls—the "little brown bird" of European extraction, that runs the big Canadian fellow very close for general efficiency and willness in protecting himself and family.

I refer to the Hungarian partridge, a fairly recent importation into the Canadian West, but which has quickly made the country its own, and has shown such tricks and versatility in dodging the hunter and adapting itself to condition, that it

is standing out as an example of the survival of the fittest. The grey goose is a bird of the big distances, its place is in the far horizon, we see them on their majestic flights, and now and again afar off on the waters of the lakes. But the Hungarian is a home bird, it lives here right among us, all around the farms, out in the stubble and plow land, at nightfall you can hear it calling on the vacant lots within the city limits, yet in spite of this close proximity to man, the bird has so developed its scheme of self-protection that a covey or flock will go right through the shooting season without losing a member of the "home circle."

Maybe the vast country, with its facilities for cover, helps some, but these birds stay around fairly close, and you are just as likely to find them in the first open field encountered, as twenty miles outside of

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city. Maybe the marksmanship of our hunters is at fault, although the open season for Hungarians is longer than the given for any other birds. Last year was closed for ruffed grouse and prairie chicken in Alberta, and open for eight weeks for Hungarians. This year there was an open season of two weeks for prairie chicken, none for ruffed grouse, and an open period of six weeks for Hungarians. Round town the Hungarian has the gun beaten, is increasing right merrily, and seems to enjoy making the hunter look foolish.

The birds were first introduced into Southern Alberta, and the foothills country around Calgary, and have since spread rapidly, so that they are now plentiful throughout Central Alberta and the north-east portion of the province and are making their way north. In some of the districts north of Edmonton they are reported to be very numerous. It is difficult to estimate their present numbers, but they must be great. The birds seem to be able to adapt themselves to all climatic variations as well as to the nature of the country. So far, no sign of disease has yet appeared. Considering the enormous extent of virgin country now before them in their northern trek, it is hard to suggest what their ultimate total will reach. They love fallow fields, low spots in the stubble, clumps of low willow set in the midst of the open fields. The hunter quickly learns where he may expect them, but that is just about as far as he can go; the remainder of the ruffed grouse. The sport has by the wily birds.

My first acquaintance dates from the time when they were still protected, and we were hardly aware that they had arrived in Central Alberta. Passing along the country road one evening, a number of plump brown birds were seen in front. They were smaller than our prairie chicken and were running all over the roadway, pecking at the grit just like a lot of young domestic chickens. "Hungarians" we exclaimed and watched them with the greatest pleasure believing that the future would still hold good sport, in spite of the alleged decrease in the prairie chicken and the passing of the ruffed grouse. The sport has materialized all right, with all honors on the side of the birds.

About this time a story went the rounds of the local press concerning the exploit of a hunter in the southern part of the province, who when a flock of unknown birds suddenly flew up in front of him, fired at them with the result that, much to his amazement, every one dropped dead. Sixteen, I think, was the number, and they were found to be Hungarians. The accuracy of the story was vouched for, and although somewhat in the nature of a miracle, it shows how close these birds bunch when they get up. Protection was lifted just as soon as it was known that they were fairly well settled in the central part of the province, and since that time I have pursued them when occasion served, and have to acknowledge that the birds can outwit me nearly every time. Of course, I may be a rotten hunter, and it has to be understood that I am not speaking for everybody. One early trick they played me was this: There was a piece of bush and poplar that looked hopeful, but on commencing to walk through no evidence could be seen or heard of any birds. Once or twice I fancied detecting a faint rustle, but the noise was so indistinct that it did not impress. Finally, I was just nearing the opposite side, and beginning to nurse the idea that it did not hold a feather, when there was a whirr and a roar, and a whole covey of Hungarians

went up, timing their exit to a nicely by placing the outer fringe of trees between the gun and themselves. They had run in front of me right through the bush, and made their exit at the correct moment. As a matter of fact I never had a clear view of them at all.

It is in the open where they get in their best work in deluding the hunter. This year there has been a lot of summer fallow and also early plowing of land which owing to the dry season, has yielded poor crops. The Hungarians revel in the plow land, scratching away at the light warm soil. It suits their coloring, and a covey will run or fly across the road, spread out over a field, and be seemingly lost to sight before the eyes have hardly time to take them in. The birds stay up later and get up earlier than many others, and at dusk, when they are specially active, they can hardly be seen at all. The only thing that gives them away is their call.

But don't imagine that because you hear their whistling note from one particular spot, that you are going to track them down easily. They have invented a special game for hunters in the late afternoon, as a sort of "good-night" romp for the children. The hunter starts out full of confidence that he knows just particular field, and this is the time when he is really going to make good. But before he has gone twenty yards a call sounds from the right and perhaps a little behind. Somewhat undecided the hunter may begin to veer round towards the sound, but in a minute or two a call comes again, this time for the left. He may then slant back on his original course, but all the same he is lost, for after traversing a few more yards, the calls break out all around. Supposing he carries on, he may walk half a mile or more, with no sign of any birds, although he is all set, with finger on the trigger, waiting for them to get up at any moment. Finally he comes to the decision that somehow he has lost them, relaxes and swings round to the right, about to retrace his footsteps. As he turns there is a roar of wings on the left, and away go the whole covey, bunched up together, just nicely out of range, and if not the hunter cannot turn quickly enough. The procedure is invariably the same. They will trick the hunter into giving up, and then make a break on the right or left at such an angle that he has to get into position to shoot and then it is too late. They don't really have to fly at all, but they do, probably just to show their derision of the hunter.

The ruffed grouse is generally credited with making the most disconcerting break-away, when he suddenly roars out from the willow grove at this game, and in addition the whole covey, of anything from 16 to 24 birds, get up together. The general effect is like a bomb exploding. According to evidence to hand, it doesn't take much to drop them, one pellet will do the trick, and experts assert that the correct method is to refrain from shooting when the birds first rise, and then to try long-distance shot, as by that time the birds will have spread, and the shot will also have spread. It sounds feasible, but in the first place the explosive get-away generally has the effect of compelling the hunter to hastily pull trigger, with the result that he under or overshoots the swiftly-moving bunch. Personally, having tried both ways, the results are more or less the same, the birds win. Perhaps I may be too slow, as for one thing I use an old-fashioned hammer gun and do not carry it at any time at full cock. Some may not be so particu-

lar, but all coroners speak against the practice, and I like to follow their advice. But in these things there is always the other man who lives to follow his own ideas upon the subject. For instance, I was out one day when I met a hunter. He was a stranger, but insisted upon stopping and discussing prospects, the scenery and everything in general. At first encounter I noticed that he was carrying his gun in a somewhat unorthodox fashion, so that the muzzle pointed all too directly at my stomach. Then a cold chill ran down my spine as I further noticed that the gun was at full cock. He was a very affable gentleman, and insisted upon carrying on the conversation face to face all the time. As I edged to one side, he followed, and it was absolutely impossible to get out of the line of fire. He handed that gun with no more sense of responsibility than if it had been a soup ladle. Finally I broke away, but even at that, my spine tingled as I walked on, and left the pleasant stranger with his gun pointing at my back.

But to return to our Hungarians. "You want a good bird dog," says one man. Quite so, he may be correct, but the bird dog has not come into general use in the west, although he may in the near future with the increase in the number of game birds. I have two dogs that are sufficiently trained so that they will not break or get out of distance and drive the birds away, and this is how it works with the Hungarians. The other afternoon, we, that is, the dogs and myself, spotted a covey disappearing into a stubble field. We followed and we followed. For two miles, I swear, we walked that stubble, fully convinced that the birds were just ahead, but without seeing a feather. Finally, quite disgusted, we decided to give up the chase. As I swung round, a shell explodes on the right, and away go the whole covey screaming with laughter. These birds have been running ahead all the way, and not until they saw we were through did they deign to show themselves and give us the merry "Ha-ha." Here is another incident that further reveals their guile. We ran across a covey, made up of at least 16 to 20 birds, located in a field near a farmhouse and buildings, but far enough away so that the farm folk were not likely to complain of the shooting. Now, when stalking these birds they may fly off a short distance when first observing the trailer, and then settle down again. Under similar conditions the prairie chicken will always put space between itself and man and any of his works. But, as said before, the Hungarians are not ordinary. What happened in the case of these particular birds? They got up, flew leisurely across the field, and settled down right in the garden in front of the farmer's house. Safe, you bet. Imagine what would happen to any wild hunter who presumed to take a crack at anything on the farmer's front lawn.

Where the birds have spread north and the country is wilder, hunters say that they are not so difficult to secure. A newspaper friend who penetrated their northern fastnesses the other day came back with the story that he bagged fifteen of the birds. We accepted his story, but it has to be taken into consideration that he is a sports writer, and you know how colorful these chaps are, always creating records and such like.

At the same time his statement bears out the general contention of this article, that where the Hungarian is located in well-settled districts, continually shot over, they are adapting themselves to circumstances, more than holding their own, and are providing a great addition to the opportunities for sport. It has been said that they are likely to drive out these two fine native game birds, the ruffed grouse and the prairie chicken, but so far no evidence of the kind has turned up. For one thing, the three varieties of birds favor different terrain, the prairie chicken preferring the grain fields, the ruffed grouse the ravines and sheltered spots, and the Hungarians the plow land and low patches of bush in the open prairie.

Alberta sportsmen are now experimenting with pheasants, and quite a number have been turned down in the south and other localities. Of course, we all hope they will become acclimatized, but if anything the pheasants are more likely to interfere with the prairie chicken and the ruffed grouse than the Hungarians, as for one thing they haunt similar localities.

However, in the vast Alberta countryside there is room for all. Pheasants afford good shooting, that is acknowledged, but even if they do succeed in the province, and reports are very favorable, for the sportsman who likes some of the odds to be on the side of the birds, they will never put up a better fight than the game little Hungarians.

Hazardous.
Recent efforts to bring an African rainmaker to this country have failed, it is said, on account of our climate. We rather suspect because his life would be imperilled by holiday-makers.

"STREET SCENE"

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

MACLURE AND MACKINNON will open the fur buying season Monday, December 27th. 10613-14

HOLMAN'S STORE, Charlottetown, will be open each evening from now till Christmas. 10992-7

ARENA RINK will open Christmas afternoon for skating. 11145-12-24-25.

PRINCE STREET SCHOOL—In Grade V school report for December John McEwen took first place not Jean McEwen as appeared.

WOOD ISLANDS—Services in Wood Islands Presbyterian Church Sunday Dec. 27 at 3 P. M. A. Murray, Int. Moderator.

WE ARE BUYING Goose and Duck Feathers. Do not mix. Henry MacFarlane & Co., Kent Street. 11117-12-23-31.

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POLICE COURT—Yesterday morning at the Police Court two men, one charged with vagrancy the other with theft were each sentenced to thirty days in jail.

NEW LONDON GROUP—Presbyterian Church in Canada, services for Sabbath Dec. 27th, will be as follows: 11 A. M. Granville; 2.30 P. M. Clifton; 7.00 P. M. Long River.

MORE NEW Batik Scarves, Squares \$2.00. Ascots 98c. Moore & McLeod Ltd. 11142-12-24-11.

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND—Rev. Ewen MacDougall will preach Sabbath 27th at Bangor at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

TURNIPS—Loading in bulk at Railway Dump, Charlottetown. Thursday, Saturday and Monday. Paying market price. Henry Small Wood, Southport, phone 1581-11. 11147-12-24-31.

SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.—In connection with the Christmas Holidays the Canadian National Railway have arranged that the Murray Harbor train be held at Charlottetown until 4.30 P. M. and train for Souris until 4.00 P. M. on December 23rd and 24th. Dec. 22-31

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—Mr. J. Harvey Bishop, student, will preach Sabbath 27th at Kinross at 10.30 and Point Prim at 7 p. m. Also Tuesday 29th at Summerside at 7.30 and Wednesday 30th at Birch Hill at 7.30 p. m.

MURRAY HARBOR NORTH and Peters Road Presbyterian Churches, Sunday, December 27th. Morning Service at 10.30 a. m. Murray Harbor North. Afternoon service at 2.30 Peters Road and the evening service at 7 o'clock at Murray Harbor North. Mr. Thomas Watson, Presbyterian College, Montreal will be the preacher.

STUDENTS RETURN HOME.—The following students of Acadia University have returned to their homes for Christmas. Mary MacNeill, New Perth; Cedric Boulter, Charlottetown; Leigh Johnston, Murray River; Mary G. Hughes, Charlottetown; Martha Robertson,

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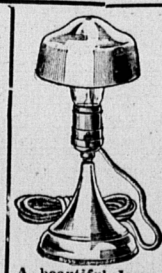
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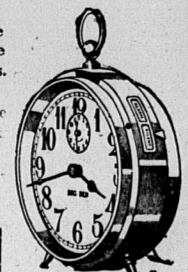
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