

- NEWSY NOTES -

By Agricola

The Red-Shouldered Hawk

Francis Bain names this Hawk as a summer resident here, in 1881. The Teachers' Bulletin for 1916, published by the Prince of Wales College, follows Bain in claiming the bird as a resident. Other works put forward its range only as "southern Canada," but a list of Nova Scotia birds does not include it. William H. Moore's admirable list of New Brunswick Birds (1928), reports it as a "tolerably common summer resident," whilst Charles W. Nash says it is common in Ontario. American ornithologists write of it as abundant in their range.

Against all this, must be put the fact that in the last forty years not a single specimen has come my way, nor have I come into contact with anybody who has seen or shot this hawk on the island. Probably this island was a kind of frontier outpost for Red-Shouldered Hawks, and they were shot off as they appeared. Owing to its dubious record, this bird has been withdrawn from our latest list.

In common with others (as Bain indicates), these were known as "Hen Hawks", a title that at once drew the farmer's fire! But the research carried out on the stomachs of 220 Red-Shouldered Hawks, by Dr. Fisher, a leading ornithologist in the U. S. A., shows that the birds are practically innocent of this charge.

Three of the stomachs contained poultry; 12 other birds; 142 mice and other mammals; 39 reptiles, etc.; 109 insects, etc.; 7 crabs; 2 eels; 3 fish; and 14 were empty. The indiscriminate shooting of the hawks and owls, on this continent, is largely responsible for the great increase of rodent pests such as rats and mice.

The following description is derived from a finely colored lithograph in the National Geographic Magazine:

Red-Shouldered Hawk or Buzzard. AOU, 338. Summer visitor? Upper-parts dark brown, feathers more or less tipped rufous. Wings short, broad, shoulders wing coverts bright reddish brown, prim-

aries and secondaries barred with black and white, the four outer primaries emarginate (notched); a white patch on the under surface, near the tip of the wings, seen in flight. Tail short, wide, dusky, with narrow white or dull buffy bands. Below, breast and belly buffy, thickly barred with rusty brown. Young birds with the shoulders duller, and the breast and underparts white streaked all over with blackish brown. Length of adults 19 inches.

Elusive Mr. Brackley

I am indebted to Col. Ronald Stewart of Ottawa for a note on "Mr. Brackley" who is evidently the person after whom Brackley Point was named. The note is dated "5 Dec. 1772" and directed to Lieut. Coll. Debrisay, from Lord Dartmouth. It is brief and to the point:

Lord Dartmouth presents his compliments to Coll. Debrisay & desires him to let his friend Mr. Brackley know that he will be appointed to succeed Mr. Smith, 5 Dec. 1772.

A most tantalizing note, leaving us entirely in the dark concerning Mr. Brackley's occupation.

New Flora Of Nova Scotia

Through the kindness of Dr. A. E. Roland, of Truro, Nova Scotia, and of Mr. W. Ormiston Roy, of Montreal, I am the happy recipient of "A Flora of Nova Scotia," written by Dr. Roland.

This compact volume helps the student to "run down" his plant, first, by analytic tables skillfully drawn up; and secondly, by illustrations, either of the whole plant, or of that part which provides specific distinction. In this matter it vies with the "Flora laurentina" of Frere Marie-Victorin, though the pages are on a smaller scale.

In this Flora may be noticed a tendency to supersede the scientific names of Gray's Manual of Botany, Edition 7 (1908). For instance, the fern listed in Gray as

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I think it was about the year 1894, when Mr. Stephen Campbell, of Campbell's Mills, New Glasgow, P. E. I., sent me a rooted cutting of the Virginia Virgin's Bower, (Clematis virginiana). It reminded me greatly of the C. Vitulna, a southern English plant known as "Traveller's Joy". I planted it by the side of the creek, where it eventually bloomed, then almost died out. This year, possibly owing to the frequent showers, it has made wonderful growth to a height of six feet or over, climbing a young spruce tree. It spared no effort to propagate it by cuttings for distribution.

Concerning Museums
It is fitting that Green Gables at Cavendish should be preserved as a memorial to a beloved Island writer, but as to making it a museum it has several disadvantages which have been ably pointed out by Miss Carrie E. Holman of Summerside, in The Guardian of Oct. 29. These I need not recapitulate; my object being to show the purpose of a museum. It is an educational institution, an adjunct to a school or college, and therefore must be located in a centre of population. It ought to be fireproof, of brick or stone, and directed by somebody in sympathy with its aims, and responsible for the safe-keeping of the collections entrusted to it. The Director should not be a political appointee.

What collections? asks the reader. Well, first of all, the Island birds: birds are favorite subjects for drawing and painting classes. I recently saw a picture of such a class (school children) at work in the British Museum, London. There are possibly many "stuffed birds" now in private hands that would find their way into such a museum, and we have, besides, an excellent taxidermist who could prepare other specimens. A collection of the butterflies is always pleasing to the eye, and is useful for a class in water-color painting. The Coleoptera (Beetles) come next, and are generally important to the farming community. I have the names of 61 different species of shells found on our shores, but up to the present I've heard of no collections. If we had a museum no doubt a collection would be made. A museum should be the headquarters for botanical "hikes", both adult and juvenile. The specimens gathered on these trips should be pressed and garnered into a local herbarium.

There are many other things. It would be well to have in the Museum: Indian relics for instance. Most of our "artifacts" have gone to adorn other museums, but there are still a few in private hands; I scarcely think they will find their way to Cavendish.

A Common Shell
One of our commonest marine shells is the Slipper Limpet. This mollusk inhabits a shell which is more or less boat-shaped, about 2.5 inches long and of a "dirty white" or grayish color, flecked with purple. When living the animals are always in clusters, attached to each other or to other shells, particularly those of oysters. It is said that in the U. S. A. thousands of empty slipper limpet shells are scattered on oyster beds for the little oysters to settle on.

On examining the empty limpet shell, it is found to have a diaphragm or shelf which covers about half of its cavity. It is this that gives the upturned shell the appearance (and name) of the "slipper". It is the "Quarter-deck" limpet in some localities, for the same reason. When looked at sideways, it is seen to be distinctly arched into the form of a low Phrygian cap, and this gives the reason for its scientific name Crepidula fornicata.

"The boat-shells, or slipper-shells", says Morris, are among the first objects collected by children at the seashore, as they make excellent miniature boats to sail in quiet tide pools, and also serve as tiny scoops for digging in the sand."

KINGSTON W. I.
The October meeting of Kingston Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. William Colwell with the president, Mrs. Zylpha Newson, presiding.

Meeting opened by singing ode, followed by creed in unison. Roll call was answered by ten members with an article for auction sale. There were two visitors present. Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed by president.

Yarn was distributed among the members for to knit mitts and socks for orphanage. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Tyrus Holmes get a gift for a new baby in the district.

School report was given by Mrs. Heber Campbell. Paper cups and toilet paper were needed for school.

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