

Hunter's Corner
 not actually die from starvation will become easy prey to predators.
 The mother instinct is very strong in the creatures of the wild. This week I stood within five feet of a mother Ruffed Grouse sitting on her eggs. The nest was at the base of a large spruce tree in a natural hollow between two large rocks. The lower portion of the tree trunk was bare of limbs and the nest was right out in the open. It was after five in the evening and the slanting rays of the sun shone full on the mother bird. Even at that all I saw at first glance was a crazy camouflage pattern of light and colour in which rusty gold seemed to predominate. It was her eyes that stood out plainest when anything. She trusted to her protective colouring so well she never even blinked an eye when I stood so close I could almost reach out and touch her.

I went into a swamp early in May, when I started to farm for a living, to cut some juniper stakes. Two trim jumpers stood about a foot apart that were ideal stake material. I cut the first one down, trimmed and junked it, and started to trim the second, prickly limbs of the trunk of the second. The axe slipped down to the base and clipped several feathers off the wing of a grouse that was sitting on a clutch of eggs in a nest constructed between the two trees. I never dreamed in the least that she fluttered away after the manner of grouse and for a moment I was afraid her injury was more real than pretended. To set my mind at rest as well as her's I chased her through the swamp till she suddenly zoomed off through the trees like a rocket. I returned to the nest and removed the branches that covered it and also replaced the top of the tree I had cut down as naturally as possible. I went back a few days later and she had returned and was sitting on the eggs. She knew that I knew she was there and slipped off through the bushes before I got too close. A few weeks later I went back and found the eggs had incubated naturally. I am very interested in the nest at the base of the tree. I plan on taking a picture as a keepsake and I hope this mother is lucky and manages to raise a family. Foxes, coons and skunks are plentiful in the area but it is really the last place any one of the three would look for a nest.

Interested observers are seeking a reason for the unprecedented number of breeding black ducks present this spring. In all my experience I never witnessed anything like it and apparently this favourable black duck situation applies to the province as a whole. Another encouraging sign is that the birds are on location and appear to be sticking closely to housekeeping activities and not rafting up in large flocks on our seaward sandbars and flats. This has happened in the past and proved to be the forerunner of a low hatch.

A number of interested sportsmen have sought my opinion as to the why and the wherefore of this promising waterfowl outlook for the coming fall and I am passing my own personal opinion along for what it is worth. To begin with all records were passed in respect to the number of blacks that elected to spend the winter with us (1953-54).

Approximately 1,000 black ducks wintered at Moore's sanctuary at Milltown Cross in Kings County alone. This certainly boosted the

Kings County crop but they were also up in Queens and Prince. This columnist is of the opinion, and has expressed this view several years ago, that we are building up a sizable Bank of local black ducks that will stand us in good stead if there is a slump in the Continental duck picture at some future date. Our black duck kill was light last season... the lowest on record. Two factors contributed to this: the unseasonably summer like fall that lacked storms and the opening of the duck season on October 10 instead of October 1, as formerly. The blacks commenced moving out to the tidal flats early in September. No storms occurred to make them think of the cosy inland retreats they had left and they fed, sunned themselves and loafed on the sed grass beds until they had adopted them as their new home.

There are some who do not agree with this columnist but I feel that the change of opening season date from October 1, to the 10, was a top conversational move in respect to our local black ducks. When the season opened on the 10th only the odd red-legged black duck hunter made his way this far south and it was our own birds that absorbed the terrific punishment that follows the first few days of an open season. Last year (1953) saw a heavy migration of northern red-legs under way on October 10, and furthermore the duck season in southern New Brunswick opened on October 1, and during the first few days of October swarms of Amberst Marsh ducks moved across the Strait to the sanctuary of P. E. I. marshes and flats.

The same situation also applied to Cumberland County ducks in Nova Scotia where the season opened on October 1. Observers in Augustine Cove in Prince County and in the Wood Islands area reported large flocks of ducks reaching the Island from across the Strait. Whatever the cause the waterfowl prospects at the moment are promising for the coming fall season so why concern ourselves with the cause. Of one thing we are certain — the black duck kill last season was divided three ways instead of one, our own local product, the migrating northern red-leg blacks and the ducks that drifted over from our sister Maritimes provinces.

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Burgess Bedtime
 it's easy. You catch one for me," said his brother.
 Tousehead felt uncertain, but here was a chance to show what he could do. Like most young folks he wanted to show off. It's funny the way some folks like to show off. Tousehead flew out just above that fish. As he looked down on that fish it seemed to be just under the surface. It looked as if he might pick it right up. He hovered just above it, then reached down striking with his bill into the water. He didn't touch that fish which darted away. All he did was to splash water up in his own face, and frighten himself in so doing. When he got back to the stump

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N. S. Speech Therapy School Planned
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 Twenty children between 10 and 15 will be accepted during this inaugural season. The school was set up following an education department survey of Nova Scotia to determine how many young people were suffering from speech defects.

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PERSONALS
 —Mrs. Jack MacAleer and daughter, Karen, city, are spending an enjoyable vacation at the home of Mrs. MacAleer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harper, Tignish. She was accompanied by her father on her trip home.
 —"I guess I've got a lot to learn," said Tousehead, and Rattles agreed that he had.

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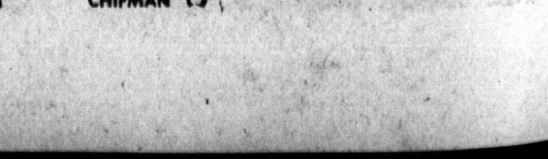
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