

Glenfinnan Peninsula New Management Area

By JACK McANDREW
The wildlife management program of the Provincial Wildlife Service took a major step in the right direction this week when the Executive Council passed and order-in-council designating the Glenfinnan Peninsula a Wildlife Management Area.

When you walk through all the official gateposts, what this really means to the average hunter is the possible beginning of a comeback as far as upland hunting is concerned, and at least a partial return to the days when pheasants and Hungarian partridge provided sport and recreation for Island hunters and visitors to the province.

For the time being the Glenfinnan area will be used to conduct experiments with pheasants to see whether they can be raised successfully under controlled conditions, and the area will be closed to public shooting.

This is a pretty important and necessary first step because there's not much doubt that a major reason for the disappearance of pheasants from the Island was due to a gradual disappearance of proper wintering quarters brought about by intensified farming practices that tended to destroy the bird's natural habitat.

According to Charles Bartlett, the Glenfinnan area is very nearly ideal for this type of program. First of all, it's a peninsula which makes it easy to manage. Secondly, it's about 20 percent under cultivation, just about the proper ratio of cleared land to cover for pheasants. It's perhaps not generally known, but the pheasant is an agricultural bird and needs to be near corn, oats or barley for adequate feeding.

WINTER COVER
But the matter of habitat is equally important, and the portion of the Glenfinnan area that isn't under cultivation offers good cover for wintering and protection of the pheasant area that isn't under cultivation offers good cover for wintering and protection from predators.

There is a woodlot on the property, and a marshy area with high grass and alders where the birds can take refuge from winter weather and airborne and ground beasts who find the pheasant as good eating as does the human variety.

Eventually Barlett hopes to develop the area into a public shooting preserve where hunters can enjoy an afternoon's recreation, and its location just ten miles from Charlottetown means it will be easy to get to.

The peninsula can be divided into different courses and a number of hunters can be accommodated at any given time. When the area is developed to the point where it can be opened to the public, landowners in the immediate vicinity will be approached to see if they will permit their property to be included in the shooting area, and they'll be offered a cash subsidy to make it feasible.

This is a good example of how hunting and farming can be completely compatible interests working to the advantage of both groups. Out at Wally Rodd's private preserve the same thing

holds true. Waly was able to enlist the cooperation of several landowners in setting up his operation, and much of his shooting course is on marshy land with for any agricultural use.

He has a good sized area of marsh with high grass and some scrubby wood lot which provides perfect cover for pheasants, and interesting terrain to shoot over.

Both these developments offer lots of potential and will be watched with a good deal of interest by hunters who understand hunting above all other things.

GOOSE POPULATION
The controversy rages on over the size of the wild goose flight in the province this past season, and while I don't want to seem disrespectful to my fellow columnist who far exceeds me in experience and wisdom, there does seem to be evidence that the goose population is more than holding its own.

The Canadian Wildlife Service carried out an aerial survey over the province on October 14, of this year and counted at least 7,000 geese in Island waters. On that basis the count was up somewhat over the previous year.

And at a branch meeting of the East Prince Fish and Game Association this past week, veteran goose hunters were unanimous in stating that the population was in extremely good shape.

GOOD KELGRASS
The Wildlife Service survey also confirmed what a good many hunters have suspected as the reason why geese were not in evidence in large numbers in inland waters and stubble fields. The survey reports an exceptionally good growth of

celgrass this year in almost every bay around the Island.

This, combined with very mild weather conditions, simply kept most of the birds out of range for the better part of the season. As long as weather didn't move them, the birds were content to stay out in the bays and feed on the grass, or so it would appear.

One other interesting sighting was reported to Lowell Huestis, President of the Prince County Branch. Lowell said he had reports of a flock of about 400 Brant in the Rustico area. Brant haven't been appearing in large numbers for several years, and more were sighted this season than at any time over the past while.

I'll be back next week.

Aid Is Given Amateur Movies

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — Norton Co., a producer of abrasives, has described a new process which it said makes movies practical for the amateur.

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The company estimated that total component costs to a camera manufacturer, in mass production, should be less than \$25.

The only alternative for home movies is a magnetic stripe on the film, but Norton said this requires a special projector with 50-per-cent higher film costs.

World's Biggest Baker Had No 'Money Sense'

TORONTO (CP) — Garfield Weston, sometimes called the world's biggest baker, once was described by his father as having no sense of money values.

Thursday, he demonstrated publicly how wrong his father was, revealing for the first time the full extent of his North American business empire. This involves 130 companies with total assets of \$793,000,000 and

total annual sales of \$3,000,000,000.

Because of his distaste for personal publicity, surprisingly little is known about Willard Garfield Weston — and much that is reported is based only on rumor or hearsay.

In 40 years, however, he has built and kept under close control a vast organization that spans several continents and

has made him the fifth largest merchandiser in the world.

Born Feb. 22, 1906, he lived at first in a modest apartment over a bakery on Spadina Street in downtown Toronto.

STARTED BY FATHER

His father, George, drove a bread wagon as a young man but soon acquired control of a small bakery.

Garfield Weston joined his father's firm when he was 21 and within four years had become general manager.

When his father died in 1928, he took over and quickly started to expand the family business. He incorporated the company as George Weston Ltd. in 1932 and, despite the depression that hit the following year, started on an expansion program that has never stopped.

During the 1930s, he shifted his major operations to Britain, buying and building plant after

plant. Within a few years, he was described as the biggest biscuit maker in the Commonwealth.

In 1948, he turned his attention again to Canada, buying the Eddy Paper Co. of Hull, Que.

RAID \$1,000,000

During the next few years he entered the grocery field in Canada, paying nearly \$1,000,000 for Weston Grocers, a wholesale firm, and two years later getting virtual control of Loblaw Groceries.

Other holdings now include the giant National Tea Co. in the United States, control of the drug chain of G. Tamblin Ltd. and control of British Columbia Packers Ltd.

It has been reported the Weston-Loblaw group controls 30 per cent of the food industry in Canada.

him demonstrates his attention for detail that has helped build his success.

A visitor at one of his British biscuit plants in 1957 noted a tiny jet of air that was blowing on each biscuit to thin the quantity of chocolate.

"Ah," said the visitor, "that's blowing the chocolate off."

"No," replied Weston, "it's blowing the profit on."

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