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IN DEFENCE OF THE CROW

(A letter in the Manitoba Free Press.

Sir—I trust you will pardon me for again taking issue with you relating to the preservations of our game and wild birds generally. In the present instance under the heading "Corvovs the Malefactor" you print in your issue of the 16th, a very severe denunciation of the crow which might well leave your readers under the impression that this bird is wholly obnoxious. The article is obviously written by one who views the question entirely from the view of the sportsman; forgetting, apparently, that there is another side equally important, namely the bird's relation to agriculture.

The crow, as is well known, is a native of North America. It has, therefore, existed side by side with the various species of grouse long before man settled in these parts. Yet the grouse survived in abundance. That the crow has increased in late years is possible, but that it occurred

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