

94. **Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse, Prairie Chicken.** *Pediocaetes phasianellus columbianus*. Abundant resident everywhere, especially in the country west of Lake Winnipeg, north to the narrows of Lake Winnipeg, and thence eastward as far as Long Lake and Pic River, on Lake Winnipeg (*Bell*). This species lives by preference on the prairies in summer and in the wooded districts during winter, so that it is in a sense migratory.
95. **Passenger Pigeon.** *Ectopistes migratorius*. In 1885 I wrote as follows: "Common summer resident, probably everywhere, as it was noted on Riding Mountain, along the Assiniboine, on Big Plain, on Turtle Mountain (*Coues*) and northward, as well as all over the Red River Valley, throughout the Winnipegosis region. Often abundant during the migrations. I am not aware of the existence of any extensive 'rookeries.' Arrives early in May; departs in October."

In 1908 my notes on the species are: "The following are all the specimens I know of in Manitoba:—Adult male taken at Winnipeg in 1892, now in collection of Father Blain, St. Boniface College; adult male taken at Winnipeg in 1894 by E. Wilson, now in possession of J. K. Hardy of St. Boniface; adult male taken at Winnipegosis on 13 April, 1898, by J. J. G. Rosser."

The last year in which the Pigeons came to Manitoba in force was 1878. Next year they were comparatively scarce, and each year they have become more so. In the early eighties a few were seen each season. The above three specimens were the last reliable recorded. None have been seen since. It is interesting to note that 1878 was also the last year of the vast Buffalo herds on the Saskatchewan. In my collection are three specimens of Passenger