

Charles Bent, Bayfield, New Brunswick, possession of Sandpiper. Fine \$10.00 and costs.

James E. McDonald, Mira, Cape Breton Co., Nova Scotia, killing Scoters from a power-boat. Fine \$10.00 and costs.

Frank Wheeler, Dominion, Cape Breton Co., Nova Scotia, possession one "Ring-necked Plover." Fine \$10.00.

Robert Weaver, Doaktown, New Brunswick, in possession Pileated Woodpecker. Fine \$10.00 and costs.

Charles Grotto, Trenton, Nova Scotia, attempting to kill Greater Scaup Duck by use of power-boat. Fine \$10.00 and costs.

Daniel Levy, Little Tancook, Lunenburg Co., Nova Scotia, attempting to kill Black Duck by the use of a motor-boat. Fine \$20.00 and costs.

Harvey Cross, Big Tancook Island, Lunenburg Co., Nova Scotia, attempting to kill Black Ducks by the use of a "Sunken Boat." Fine \$20.00 and costs.

William Heizler, Oakland, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, attempting to kill Ducks by the use of a power-boat. Fine \$20.00 and costs.

William Murdock, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, attempting to kill Greater Scaup Duck by use of power-boat. Fine \$10.00 and costs.

Walter Winsloe, Trenton, Nova Scotia, attempting to kill Greater Scaup Duck by use of power-boat. Dismissed.

Alexander Grotto, Trenton, Nova Scotia, attempting to kill Greater Scaup Duck from a power-boat. Dismissed.

NORTHWEST GAME ACT PROSECUTIONS.

W. F. Dow, Fort Rae, Northwest Territories, possession two Musk Ox skins. Seizure.

D'Arcy Arden, Dease River, Great Bear Lake, Northwest Territories, possession Musk Ox skins. Seizure.

BIRD BANDING WORK BEING TAKEN OVER BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY.—

The Bureau of Biological Survey at Washington, D.C., has taken over the work formerly carried on under the auspices of the Linnaean Society of New York by the American Bird Banding Association. In taking over this work the Bureau feels that it should express the debt that students of ornithology in this country owe to Mr. Howard H. Cleaves for the devotion and success with which he has conducted this investigation up to a point where it has outgrown the possibilities of his personal supervision.

Under plans now being formulated this work will give a great amount of invaluable information concerning the migration and distribution of North American birds which will be of direct service in

the administration of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as well as of much general scientific interest.

It is desired to develop this work along two principal lines;—first, the trapping and banding of waterfowl, especially ducks and geese, on both their breeding and winter grounds; and secondly, the systematic trapping of land birds as initiated by Mr. S. Prentiss Baldwin, the early results of which have been published by him in the Proceedings of the Linnaean Society of New York, No. 31, 1919, pp. 23-55. It is planned to enlist the interest and services of volunteer workers, who will undertake to operate and maintain trapping stations throughout the year, banding new birds and recording the data from those previously banded. The results from a series of stations thus operated will undoubtedly give new insight into migration routes; speed of travel during migration; longevity of species; affinity for the same nesting-site year after year; and, in addition, furnish a wealth of information relative to the behavior of the individual, heretofore impossible because of the difficulty of keeping one particular bird under observation.

The details of operation are now receiving close attention, and as soon as possible the issue of bands will be announced, with full information regarding the methods to be followed and the results expected. In the meantime, the Biological Survey will be glad to receive communications from those sufficiently interested and satisfactorily located to engage in this work during their leisure time, for it is obvious that a considerable part must be done by volunteer operators. It is hoped that a sufficient number will take this up to insure the complete success of the project.—E. W. NELSON, *Chief of Bureau.*

MIGRATION STUDIES BY BIRD BANDING.—The work of bird-banding referred to above by Dr. E. W. Nelson, which is now being taken over by the U.S. Biological Survey, is a system of placing registered numbered aluminum bands on the legs of birds which are then liberated so if again taken information may be derived on their lives, habits and movements. The amount of exact information that might be obtained in this and in no other practical manner is very great indeed. For years we have each had ideas as to whether birds returned to their old haunts year after year, the permanency of their matings, ages, routes of travel, etc., but it was mostly guesswork and authorities disagreed. Under the bird-banding association organized under Mr. Harold Cleaves and others some of these questions are in a fair way of exact solution.

Our own Jack Miner, of wild goose fame, whilst working independently of the bird-banding association has done considerable in this direction with the wild fowl. His geese banded at Kingsville,