

It is not necessary to travel to the woods at four o'clock in the morning and wade through bogs and swamps in order to enjoy bird life. There are scores flying over your head and singing from the trees on your lawn and in your orchard. Almost any day the Chirping Sparrow can be seen picking up crumbs at your back door and the Downy Woodpecker can be heard drumming to his mate on the rotten limb in the tree in front of your house. Every day the Phoebe and Chebec are telling their names to all who pass under the trees on Granville street, and snapping up flies between the calls. Any day the Purple Finch may be heard singing his sweet love song in the orchard or seen tumbling with quivering wings into a tree top. All winter and even now, the Chickadee could be seen performing gymnastic feats on the twigs of the trees near the house. Almost any day the Spotted Sandpiper will teeter up and down and will call out to all pedestrians who cross the Arboitau "Wet-feet, wet-feet" from his place by the edge of the water. And are not the Chimney Swifts nesting in your chimneys and the Swallows building mud huts under the eaves of your barns? If our eyes are not too fixedly set on the things of the world, and our ears too much filled with the jingle of coin, we may enjoy our bird neighbors without ever turning out of our tracks. With the expenditure of a surprisingly small amount of effort we may enjoy their delightful songs, learn their interesting ways, and watch these little policemen of the air guarding our fields and orchards from the depredations of insect hosts.

The following is a list of the dates of arrival of a few of our common birds this spring. No effort was made to secure scientifically accurate dates of arrival, but those given will be found to be approximately accurate:

Horned Lark, March 4.
 Robin, March 25.
 Song Sparrow, March 25.
 Junco, March 30.
 Flicker, April 12.
 Purple Finch, April 20.
 Vesper Sparrow, April 20.
 Bronzed Grackle, April 29.
 Myrtle Warbler, May 2.
 Savannah Sparrow, May 6.
 Chipping Sparrow, May 7.
 Yellow Palm Warbler, May 7.
 White-throated Sparrow, May 9.
 Chimney Swift, May 9.
 Barn Swallow, May 9.
 Swallow, May 9.
 Tree Swallow, May 9.
 Chebec, May 11.
 Yellow Warbler, May 14.
 Bobolink, May 15.

Spotted Sandpiper, May 16.
 American Goldfinch, May 20.
 Black and White Creeping Warbler, May 20.
 Blue-Headed Vireo, May 20.
 Magnolia Warbler, May 20.
 Baby-throated Humming Bird, May 23.
 Kingbird, May 23.
 Maryland Yellow-throat, May 31.
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak, June 1.
 Oven-bird, June 1.
 Black-throated Green Warbler, June 1.
 Northern Parula Warbler, June 1.
 American Redstart, June 1.
 Chestnut-sided Warbler, June 1.
 Belted Kingfisher, June 2.
 Catbird, June 2.
 Red-eyed Vireo, June 3.
 Nighthawk, June 11.

(Written at Bridgetown, N. S., for May and June, 1915, by Rev. G. C. Warren)

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

Dr. Cutten has had trouble lately with an old knee injury, the result of a football accident. He was confined to his bed for a week with it.

Prof. H. G. Perry, of the Biological Department, has been given a term's leave of absence, and is now working in the graduate department of Harvard University.

Dr. W. H. Thompson, professor of Latin, has been called to New Haven by the sudden death of his father.

The chair of Geology, left vacant by the death of the late Prof. Haycock, has been filled temporarily by the appointment of Dr. W. J. Wright to the position for this term. Dr. Wright is a graduate of Acadia, of the class of 1907, and took his doctorate at Yale. He accepted a position with the Canadian Department of Mines, and when war broke out enlisted in the army and went overseas, serving as scout officer in the 219th Battalion and later in the 85th. He was wounded and came home, returning to his position at Ottawa after the armistice was signed. The department permitted him to take up the work at Acadia this term.—*Acadia Bulletin*.

The School Board of the City of Moncton has decided to erect a large school building in the west end of the City to meet the demands for school accommodation made upon it by their increasing population.

Rev. Fr. Tessier, of St. Joseph's College, was in Fredericton on March 27th, attending a meeting of the Vocational Education Committee.

The Intercollegiate debate between the University of New Brunswick and Mt. Allison was held in the Opera House, Fredericton, on Friday evening, March 21st, and resulted in a victory for Mt. A. The subject debated was "Resolved that our Dominion Government should nationalize the Railways of Canada."