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Dear Sir,

I beg to draw your attention to the serious destruction of the birds and eggs which is still taking place on the Cote Nord in spite of the law against it.

First allow me to place before you some of the circumstances under which the people live on this part of the coast.

There is no steamer connection with the outside world, and so there is absolutely no opportunity for the people to obtain meat, unless they kill these sea fowl.

Now the law prohibits taking the eggs of any of the birds nesting along the shore, and also it prohibits the shooting of any birds during the months of June and July.

Up to the present time the people used to take eggs up to the middle of June, after which date the birds were allowed to nest and hatch out the young ones in peace, the people themselves prohibiting the firing of guns anywhere among the islands.

A week or ten days after the people have left the birds in peace, the fishing schooners come, and they care nothing for the birds or the people who depend on these birds for part of their livelihood, but proceed to kill the nesting birds and destroy the eggs which by this time are spoilt for eating being partially hatched.

This present summer one crowd took about eighty dozen eggs, and out of this lot they did not get one bucket of eatable eggs. No sooner is the anchor dropped and the sails tied up than the men go ashore and begin their work of destruction.

Captain Edmond Jencas has been appointed Garde de Chasse on the coast, but nearly three hundred miles of coast to look after it is an utter impossibility for him to do the work. If he were given the