

enemies are the weasel, mink, skunk, foxes, hawks, and owls. At best a mouse leads a rather erratic and uncertain life and possibly is comparatively short-lived.

A WELL-EARNED HONOUR.

Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, F.R.S.C., Dominion Entomologist and Consulting Zoologist, of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and at the same time was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Society "in recognition of eminent services to the cause of bird protection" in England and Canada. There are but eleven other Honorary Fellows of the Society in different parts of the world. In announcing the award at a recent meeting of the Society in London (England), Mr. Montague Sharpe, Chairman of the Council, recalled the practical support that Dr. Hewitt gave to bird protection before leaving England in 1909 and referred to the many ways in which he had furthered it in Canada, particularly in connection with the treaty between Canada and the United States for the protection of migratory birds. Before coming to Canada, when in charge of the Department of Economic Zoology of the University of Manchester, Dr. Hewitt organized and was secretary of the Economic Ornithological Committee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science and of the Board of Agriculture, which committee of scientific workers undertook the investigation of the economic status of birds in Great Britain and Ireland. He also carried out in the Lake District the protection and encouragement of birds on an extensive scale as a practical measure for the first time in England. His work in promoting bird protection in Canada is well-known, and particularly his efforts to secure the interests of the young and of the people in town and country in the encouragement and protection of birds. At the recent annual meeting of the Commission of Conservation he pointed out that never was the need of bird protection more urgent than at the present time, as birds were our best allies in controlling the innumerable pests that destroy our food crops which are now so vitally essential.

BOOK NOTICE.

RURAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:—The latest report of the Commission of Conservation deals with the important subject of the planning and development of rural districts and small towns in Canada. It has been prepared by Mr. Thomas Adams, Town Planning Adviser of the Commission, who has made a close study of the