

they receive from the mother's bill and feet. (*Seton-Thompson*.) Our eggs of this species are exactly the size of the Upland Plover, being 1.75 x 1.25.

## MUSEUM SPECIMENS.

Two specimens; one taken at Indian Head, Assa., in April, 1892, the other at Medicine Hat, Assa., April 11th, 1894, by Mr. W. Spreadborough. One set of eggs taken at Grenfel, Assa., in May, 1894, and presented to the Museum by Mr. R. Lake.

308*b*. **Prairie Sharp-tailed Grouse.**

*Pediocetes phasianellus campestris* RIDGW. 1884.

Plains and prairies of the United States, east of the Rocky Mountains; north to Manitoba. (*A. O. U. List*.) We have no knowledge of this form. All our birds killed in 1895, when on the southern prairie, were pale grayish in colour.

CXII. **CENTROCERCUS** SWAINSON. 1831.309. **Sage Grouse.**

*Centrocercus urophasianus* (BONAP.) SWAINS. 1831.

In June, 1895, while the writer was making an examination of the prairie region north of the International boundary between Wood Mountain, Assa., on the east and Chief Mountain in the west, special efforts were made to map out the range of the Sage Hen. It had been found in the valley of Frenchman River by the Boundary Commission in 1874, where it was recorded by Dr. G. M. Dawson. On June 14th we went into the "Bad Lands," south of Wood Mountain and had the good fortune to come upon about a dozen males where there was a little sage brush (*Artemisia cana*.) They all escaped and a whole day was spent trying to locate the females but none were seen. A week later we reached the valley of the White Mud or Frenchman River, a tributary of the Missouri, and before an hour had seen a number of old birds with young, and located a nest under sage brush where the chicks were just emerging from the shell. From this nest I obtained two nearly perfect eggs. Specimens were procured and later we traced the birds up the valley of the White Mud to its source in the Cypress Hills. In no case was any bird found away from *Artemisia cana*. At Osoyoos Lake where the species has