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WHERE HUNTED. WILD GEESE
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A Peep at Jack Miner's Sanctuary on Lake Erle

(By Arthur Mee)

Kingsville, Ontario, is the most southern town in Canada in Essex County, on the north shore of Lake Erle

Erie. Its population is 2,000, but during the migration season the town grows from 2,000 to 10,000 by sight-seers who motor to see the birds at Jack Miner's Sanctuary.

Jack Miner, the son of a poor English emgrant, was rich in the love of his brother, Ted. They were first-rate shots, and supplied the market as well as their homestead with game. When these two were grown men they took a friend moose-hunting. Jack was driving the game towards the others when a shot rang out and immediately afterwards a cry, "I've killed Ted" Jack had to master his great anguish, bury his brother in snow, and run twelve miles to a cabin for help. It took twenty-four hours in a raging storm, for Jack to carry the body of his brother to a lake and then paddle home in a rickety punt. Soon another black day came when his own little child died. Now all life became precious to Jack Miner, and the thought of taking it was abhorent. He had always been a warm-hearted, bluff. witty fellow, but now there gushed up in his heart a great well of pity. The hunter became the protector of the hunted. Hard work had brought Jack into presention of a little tile factory and the progressive people. No wards and the progression of a little tile factory and the progressive people. No were grown or the progressive people. No were grown or the progressive people. No were and progressive people. No were and progressive people. No were an progressive people.

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to him. He feeds them through the winter, though he can ill afford it So great in numbers has the flock in creased that he has had to accept do nations from his rich friends to help feed the poor starving birds. It now costs him nearly \$6,000 per year to maintain feed for them. Last year one good friend promised him \$1,000 per year. Such gifts are very acceptable to Jack Miner, who feels it is the Government's place to provide food as it spends tens of thousands of dollars in game wardens' salaries. He challenges them to show any man as many birds as he can at any one time. The birds tell their friends, and each year the number of guests at Safety Inn is greater than ever.

The understanding of the birds is learned to dread a gun, they show no fear if Jack Miner carries a gun, even if he fires close to them at one of their enemies, stoat, owl or waterturtle. They fly to nim when they are wounded, and one is believed to have come five miles to die near Jack Miner. Once a whole family of wild geese came to the house, making a terrible noise, to tell him that a young

geese came to the house, making a terrible noise, to tell him that a young one was choking near the pond.
Hundreds of people come each year to visit this humbel man's sanctnary, and the Canadian government has forbidden any shooting within a mile of it. Wild swans, half killed by Niagara, are brought there.
Some years ago, in order to discovered

er what became of those guests who did not return, Jack Miner started to W. G. PARSONS, K.C., B.A. wrap aluminum tags round a bird's leg, having first inscribed on the tag leg, having first inscribed on the tag his address and a message from the Bible. When he hears from some trader that one of these tags has been brought in by a poor Eskimo, Jack Miner feels that his pet has not come to a bad end in feeding the hungry. Often these bird-borne messages have had a strange significance for the finder. It was a young soldier, soon going to the front, who killed a bird. going to the front, who killed a bird carrying this verse: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." But Miner does grudge the tame pirds which fall a victim to sports

men who wait for them just over the mile limit, intent on getting the rare ones he is trying to save from extinction; and he does grudge the grub-destroyers which ignorant farmers kill as wheat eaters. To convert these people he decided to publish a book, which is full of wit and interest. Perhaps the most charming thing in it is his vindication of the Why do people say "stupid goose"

ese are not surpassed by any othe pirds in intelligene. courage and fidel The Canadian wild goose is a big, handsome fellow, with a black neck, head, tail, and feet. He flies about fifty miles an hour, lives as long as human beings, and is faithful to one mate. Jack Miner once had a widowed goose who mourned her mate for four years, until the sight of her misery became unbearable, an it seemed merciful to kill her. They are wonderful parents, and the gander will let no one, not even Jack Miner come near the nest.

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"David" and "Jonathan" were part of a family of five. One day they were fired upon and one gander was brought down, with a broken wing. Miner persuaded the men to give him the wounded bird, and he did what he could for it. Presently the remaining goose and gander returned, and circled round and round as though they distrusted all men, even Jack Miner. now. But when the wounded gander called, they came down to him at once.

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A little later the call of migratic A little later the call of migration came, and the great flock of wild geese which had wintered with Jack Miner went north, the wounded bird's sister with them. But his brother stayed behind. It was a touching sight to see Jonathan making short



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