

We take much pleasure in congratulating our esteemed corresponding member for having produced one of the very best bulletins ever yet sent out from any of the United States Experiment Stations. The language is plain, the matter is well arranged, and the illustrations are good; merits which cannot but commend it to agriculturists, the people for whom it is prepared.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Ottawa Naturalist:

SIR,—In answer to the letter of Mr. W. E. Saunders in the OTTAWA NATURALIST for August, I beg to say that when I visited the marshes near Kars in 1883, I, unfortunately, was not in a position to secure any specimens of the birds I took to be Short-billed Marsh Wrens (*Cistothorus stellaris*). As my visit took place seven years ago, my recollection of what occurred is not very distinct, but I remember seeing a large number of what I believed to be Short-billed Marsh Wrens, and getting quite close to a few of them. I was not, however, familiar with the species, nor was I then aware of its limited range. I had no doubt at the time of the correctness of the identification, but would have made an effort to further verify it before placing it on record had it not been for the fact that one of my co-leaders in Ornithology, Mr. Geo. R. White, reported the capture of a female of the species near the Rideau on the 22nd of June of the same year. (See "Transactions" 1883-4, p. 141). This, I concluded, settled the matter. I have never seen the skin taken by Mr. White, but I presume it must still be in his collection.

Yours truly,

W. L. SCOTT.

Ottawa, August 5, 1890.

NOTE.—The above note was sent to me by Mr. Scott immediately after the appearance of Mr. Saunders's letter, but was accidentally mislaid. The delay, therefore, in its appearance must be attributed to the Editor.—J. F.

The following interesting letter has been handed to us for publication by Prof. Macoun:

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To the Naturalist of the Geological Survey, Ottawa.

A few days since, I received for mounting, a very uncommon bird which proved to be a hybrid between a Pintail Duck and a Mallard.