

flight away to its nest, located upon the top of some lofty pine tree in the distant forest. The Osprey is called "the most industrious fisherman," and I suggested it long ago as a suitable emblem for Newfoundland.

The Greater Whiteheaded Eagle, which will not dive beneath the water to fish for himself, has been known to watch the poor Osprey, and the moment the latter emerged with his quarry, to pounce upon him, and compel him to drop it, then appropriate the ill-gotten morsel. It is on this account the name pirate is applied to him.

Occasionally rare stragglers find their way to our shores, and their presence here is of much interest to ornithologists, for instance, a few years ago, Mr Wm. Clapp, M.H.A., killed a European Crested Lapwing near Quitty Vitty. As far as I can ascertain this is the only specimen ever recorded on the American Continent. One was however, procured in Greenland some years ago. How a bird whose wings and general construction are only adapted for short flight, found its way to our shores is a mystery.

Other stragglers that have been noted from time to time, are two or three Herons, Coots, Rails. The beautiful Carolina Mourning Dove, a white Egret, a few Grebes, and a Turkey Buzzard.

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Of the Quadrupeds or four footed animals we have comparatively few, as contrasted with the main Continent, yet those few are perhaps the finest of their kind.

#### **Cervidae, the Deer Family.**

You are all pretty well acquainted with the lordly Caribou or Reindeer indigenous to this island. It is contended by some authorities that we have two