

SOME NEW CANADIAN RECORDS FOR GYRFALCONS.

By J. F. WHITEAVES.THE GRAY GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*).

Through the kindness of Mr. G. F. Dippie, of the firm of Messrs. Mackay & Dippie, taxidermists, etc., of Calgary, the Museum of the Geological Survey of Canada has recently been enabled to acquire two fine specimens of this species, from Alberta.

One of these is a female, shot in the Knee Hills district, about sixty miles north-east of Calgary, by Mr. Alexander Wyndham, on November 10th, 1905. Mr. Dippie writes that he "would not be positive, but thinks that this specimen is an adult bird, probably three or four years old." Its measurements, when in the flesh, are stated to have been : length twenty-three inches, wing fifteen and three-quarters, tail ten.

The other is a male, supposed to be not more than two years old, shot twenty-three miles west of Calgary, by Mr. R. G. Robinson, on December 9th, 1904. Its measurements before it was skinned, were; length twenty-two inches and a half, wing fifteen inches and three quarters, tail ten.

THE BLACK GYRFALCON (*Falco rusticolus*, var. *obsoletus*).

Mr. Harold F. Tufts, of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, writes that he has a specimen of this dark, eastern variety of the Gyrfalcon that was shot at Long Island, King's Co., N. S., by Mr. O. Fullerton, on the eighth of June, 1838. It is an immature female, and its stomach was empty when the bird was killed. A living Black Gyrfalcon was observed near Wolfville by Mr. Tufts on December 23rd, 1905.

In this connection it may be stated that a clutch of three eggs that are thought to be those of the Black Gyrfalcon, in the Museum of the Geological Survey, was collected at Fort Chimo, Ungava, by Mr. G. Boucher in 1897.

THE WHITE GYRFALCON (*Falco islandus*).

A female of this species, shot on the sand bar south of Ash-