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BIRD NOTES.

EDWIN BEAUPRE, JR. ARCHIBUTES LAGOPUS.

The Rough-legged Hawk, (Archibutes Lagopus), Oct. 25th. This large and beautiful Hawk occurred in unusual numbers during the latter part of October and all November; three specimens were shot at Cataragui Marsh, and Mr. Stratford, the taxidermist, told me that several of these birds had been brought to his shop. It was his first acquaintance with them.

A live specimen was brought to me, and is still in my possession, it seems to thrive in captivity. They varied greatly in size and plumage, the larger ones being nicely marked. The bright salmon color on the breast contrasting with the dark brown belt across the belly. Most of the smaller specimens were almost uniform, darkly brown.

The best authorities on ornitho-

logy agree in placing this Hawk on the list among those wholly beneficial to the country, there being not one bad mark against it; but, of course, it is a "chicken hawk," and must suffer for the bad deeds of others.

The food of this bird consists of field mice and frogs, and they are hunted by the Hawk sailing over the marsh, or perched on a tree near by. I did not see any after the 20th of November.

Mr Wm. Hazleton, of Renfrew, is the happy possessor of an excellent old violin, made by Sawes Kiaposse, the most eminent of Russian makers. The instrument is well preserved, of beautiful model and workmanship, and was made in 1733 or 1748. Its tone is of fine quality and large. As there are few violins of high degree in Canada it is interesting to keep account of them all.

