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*The Double-crested Cormorant (Phalacrocorax Auritus) and its
Relation to the Salmon Industries on the Gulf of St. Lawrence.*

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INTRODUCTION.

In the spring of 1914 the attention of the Geological Survey was called to complaints of damage done by cormorants to salmon fisheries of the Gaspé coast. As the charges seemed serious, and as systematic effort was being made to secure legislative assistance in controlling the damage, the writer was detailed by the Director of the Survey to investigate the charges and report upon them.

In pursuance of this object, accompanied by C. H. Young and F. C. Hennessey, I proceeded to Percé village, Gaspé county, Que., on the north shore and near the mouth of Chaleur bay, arriving June 21. We remained in this locality until July 24, collecting as many as possible of the birds and studying their feeding habits. We then removed to Gaspé basin and continued the work there for two weeks in greater detail, securing evidence from fishermen, river guardians, and others of experience on the salmon rivers. Throughout the work we were ably and courteously assisted by the local officers of the Fisheries department, especially Commander Wakeham of the *S. S. Princess*, Mr. Chas. Lindsay of the local hatchery, and Mr. Arthur Eden, his assistant, who was untiring in rendering assistance.