by Dr Dunlop as a small partridge, is common in the
Home and other western districts.   The woodcock and
snipe appear in great numbers in spring and autumn,
particularly the latter season.   Wild ducks of various
kinds abound in marshes, and on the borders of lakes.
Geese and swans merely pass and repass between
warmer and colder climates, without making any so-
journ.   The turkey, in the London and Western dis-
tricts, to which he is confined, is considered the most
important of the feathered game ; the colour is dark,
and his flesh nearly resembles that of our domestic spe-
cies.   But no bird equals in number the wild pigeons
which, at particular seasons, move in vast flocks, or
rather swarms, that darken the air like locusts.   A body
of them once hovered three or four days over the capital,
when a continued war was carried on against them
by all who could muster fire-arms of any description.
The feathered tribes, in unfrequented places, fall easy
victims, owing to their having no fear of man.   Sir George
Head has seen a whole covey drop one after another
without the survivors being in the least degree intimi-
dated.

Among quadrupeds, the beaver, the chief object of chase
to the early settlers, is now nearly extirpated from all the
range of settlement.   At present the deer the principal
game.   The idea of Mr Shirreff and other writers, that
they exist only in small numbers, is refuted by the
diligent researches of Mr Magrath, a Canadian Nimrod.
These animals, long hunted by the Indians, and thus
accustomed to dread human art and power, fly even at
a distant sound, and are never seen by a noisy pursuer.
After one day's total failure from this cause, he was
told that he must walk in the quietest manner, avoid-
ing, if possible, to touch even the bough of a tree; and by
this means he soon obtained complete success.   Such a
mode of pursuit, borrowed seemingly from the Indians,
has in view rather the result of the chase than its sportful
vicissitudes.   A similar remark applies also to the prac-
tice of deer-stalking, or watching in concealment and