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## OBSERVATIONS OF ANIMALS NATIVE IN THE ALGONQUIN NATIONAL PARK.

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Some account of how animal life in general is being preserved, under the protective restrictions of the Algonquin National Park of Ontario, cannot fail to be of interest to the readers of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST.

The Park is situated in the District of Nipissing, and covers an area of about 45 miles square.

On alighting one afternoon at the station at C ache Lake, where Mr. Bartlett, the genial Superintendent of the Park, resides, I was pleased to see a collection of wild animals, quite at home in enclosures, such as red-deer, a caribou, and a few racoons. It is remarkable what kindness and care will do. The deer have sometimes got away, but after wandering have returned, to receive at the hands of their keepers their accustomed supply of raspberry leaves and the foliage of various trees.

The very atmosphere of the Park awakens the attention of a lover of nature. In many parts of our country there is a marked destitution of life; but here in manifold forms it continues in plenty. The early morning hours are enlivened with the warblings of different kinds of small birds; and so regardless are our feathered friends of the presence of man that a chipping sparrow had built her nest, only some two feet from the ground, in a small spruce bush, right within arm's length of a daily frequented path; and at the time of my visit was, unmolested, rearing her young.

The day following my arrival I was kindly escorted by Dr. Bell, the assistant superintendent, to Cranberry Lake, a reputed