
BIRDS OF PEASEMARSH

natural conditions that the birds require. Some birds have grown so suspicious of man that a sanctuary for them must be in a very solitary spot, at least until the birds have learned that they are being protected. Mr. W. E. Saunders, in a paper read before the Committee of Conservation, made the wise suggestion that places where these rare birds are found to be nesting should be made sanctuaries. In speaking of the Great Blue Heron and the Pelican, he says, "Some birds do not like people to make a fuss about them, and that refers particularly to large wild birds, on whom human friendship is suddenly thrust. I had a remarkable experience along that line in Alberta. On a small island in Miquelon Lake, twelve miles north of Camrose, there were two hundred breeding pairs of White Pelicans. The Pelican, a bird about the size of an Eagle, is not accustomed to human interference. I visited the island with a friend and saw these two hundred nests, but the birds left the island before we landed and did not return for about an hour or two after we left. My companion was an enthusiastic ornithologist and bird protectionist, and his next door neighbor was the local M.L.A.