

of Red Crossbills (*Curvirostra americana*); White-winged Crossbills, males, (*Curvirostra leucoptera*); Bohemian Chatterers males and females, (*Ampelis garrulus*); Pine Grosbeaks, females only, (*Pinicola canadensis*); Pine Finches, males and females (*Chrysomitris pinus*); Lapland Longspur, males only, (*Plectrophanus lapponicus*.)

Our regular winter visitors also appeared in greater numbers than usual. Large flocks of Snow Buntings, (*Plectrophanus nivalis*), Lesse: Redpolls, (*Ægiothis linaria*), Black-throated Buntings, (*Euspiza americana*), Snowbirds, (*Funco Hyemalis*), and Shore Larks, (*Eremophila cornuta*.)

The appearance of so many rare northern birds in this section was doubtless owing to the extreme cold weather in northern Canada during last winter.

PROTECTION FOR INSECTIVOROUS AND OTHER BIRDS.

"An Act for the protection in Ontario of Insectivorous and other Birds beneficial to Agriculture" was passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature, and is now in force in this Province. Notwithstanding one of the best provisions of the bill was struck out by the House, it will, if vigorously enforced, do much to prevent the wanton and unnecessary destruction of our birds. It enacts as follows:—

"It shall not be lawful to shoot, destroy, wound, or injure, or to attempt to shoot, destroy, kill, wound, or injure any bird whatsoever, save and except eagles, falcons, hawks, owls, wild pigeons, king-fishers, jays, crows, and ravens, and the birds especially mentioned in an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter thirty-eight, and intitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the laws for the protection of game and fur-bearing animals of Ontario."

"It shall not be lawful to take, capture, buy, sell, expose for sale, or have in possession any bird whatsoever, save the kinds hereinbefore or hereinafter excepted, or to set, wholly or in part,