

pleasure of being able to recognize the trees and plants was referred to in his speech by one of the "Fathers" of the Club, and his apt quotation from Shakespeare was received with applause.

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BIRD NOTES.

TURKEY BUZZARD.—Mr. Andrew Hafflin shot one of these birds, near Lake de May, in January last. This is a new record for the Camrose district. The bird was reported to have spent several years around the lake, living on dead animals. Bird life was scarce in Northern Alberta last winter, there being no large migrations of such birds as the Great Gray Owl, Hawk Owl, or Snowy Owl. Some years in a day's drive a dozen of these birds can be seen. The reason they were so scarce last winter was, I think, owing to the extreme cold and much snow in the far north. I collected a beautiful male Evening Grosbeak in December and there were flocks of Pine Grosbeaks with us all winter.

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EVENING GROSBEAK.—The Rev. A. E. Richard reported that in February last, Evening Grosbeaks were present at Buckingham, Que., and attracted a good deal of attention. One flock of about thirty, which he had under observation was first seen in the latter part of December. The birds were seen later on Jan. 21st, Feb. 6th, Feb. 14th and Feb. 17.

NESTING OF BLACK DUCK.—On April 30th, while passing through some swampy ground at the edge of a large area of heavy timber at Rockfield, Que., we flushed a Black Duck off her nest of eleven fresh eggs. The nest, which was made of broken weed stalks and feathers plucked from the bird itself, was placed about 18 inches up on a mound and against the base of a large maple tree. Three hundred yards of the surrounding territory was under three inches of water.

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