

the best shooting ground in the country, for snipe, woodcock, ducks, teal, and all the other beach birds of which Governor Boucher, the illustrious ancestor of the Boucher family, wrote in 1663 from his capital (Three Rivers) such glowing accounts to his friends at the court of Louis XIV. Some years back, a magnificent swan was shot on these swamps and presented to the Governor General, by D. McPherson, Esq., the proprietor of these Islands. Not only are Goose and Crane Islands a land of promise for the sportsman and the naturalist, they also have their wild legends of love and jealousy. I shall merely mention one instance.

More than a century back a French officer left old for New France, as it was then

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By His Excellency, Guy Carleton, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Quebec, Brigadier General of His Majesty's armies, &c., &c., &c.

Taking into consideration the representations which have been made to us by the Sieur De Longueil, Seigneur of Crane and Goose Islands, Canoe and Ste. Marguerite Islands, and also Grosse Isle, that by his title, he has the exclusive right to shoot on these said Islands—that notwithstanding several persons both from the city and neighbouring parishes and even the inhabitants of these Islands, attempt to shoot there without leave, destroying the hay on the beaches—and catching the young ducks that they find there, thereby de-