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UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Some of our friends have not yet sent us the amount due for last year's subscription. We hope this reminder will cause a prompt remittance, as we feel confident that all our subscribers are able and willing to pay.

BACK NUMBERS.

We have several volumes of our second year, also a few of our first, which we can furnish at one dollar per volume. Subscribers who are short of any numbers would do well to communicate with us at once, and we will endeavour to supply them as far as possible.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We have now entered upon our third volume, the first number of which will be sent to subscribers of last year, trusting all will continue their subscription.

The Journal has been progressing during the past two years, and further efforts on the part of our friends, will enable us to extend its columns.

The study of Natural History has made rapid progress during the past few years, and we have now in Canada many students whose notes and observations, if published, would become valuable additions to this branch of literature. We are promised contributions by some of our more advanced Ornithologists and Entomologists and have no doubt this volume will contain many interesting observations not hitherto recorded, and thus become a valuable reference to those interested in these studies. We have, so far no recent works upon the Natural History of our Dominion. In Ornithology we think the time has arrived when a properly compiled work would be favourably received, and we trust, ere long one of our rising Ornithologists will give us a book on the "Birds of Canada," as valuable and interesting as the volumes of American writers.

FISH AND GAME PROTECTION.

The annual meeting of the Fish and Game Protection Society of the Province of Quebec was held in Montreal on the 20th instant. The twenty-fourth annual report submitted was an unusually satisfactory one, a large addition having been made to the membership during the past year. The following gentlemen have been appointed officers for the ensuing year. President—Mr. E. C. Monk; Vice-President—Mr. L. A. Boyer; Treasurer—Mr. Thos. Hiam; Secretary—Mr. G. H. Matthews; Committee—Messrs. F. J. Braly, R. H. Kilby, H. R. Ives, J. H. Stearns, S. Cross, W. S. Macfarlane, F. Henshaw, Alderic Deschamps, E. B. Goodacre, J. C. Nelson, John Nelson, W. Parker, Gustave Drolet, H. Rintoul, and Geo. McKinnon.

MIGRATION OF OWLS.

A female of Richardson's Owl (*Nyctale Richardsonii*) was captured at St. Laurent, near Montreal, on the 4th instant. It died after a weeks confinement in a cage. On dissection, the ovary was found to be in an advanced condition, and the eggs of a size sufficient to show that there is no doubt of its nesting in the mountains north of Montreal. No one has yet positively discovered the nest of this interesting little owl in Canada, but from what we noticed, this specimen supplies conclusive evidence that it would not go far north of the city to construct its nest. Owls, as a rule, build early in the year, the young of some species being found fully fledged in April and May. The Snow Owl appeared abundantly in the low lands of this Province in December last, remaining but a short time after the first heavy fall of snow, and the Barred Owl, almost as common, visited the neighbourhood of Montreal, probably after the Domestic Sparrows. The little Saw-whet Owl was not uncommon throughout the country during the month of January. The above species are more or less diurnal or crepuscular in their habits, and are therefore more easily discovered. Two other species of this class the Great Chimney and Hawk Owl, formerly occurring here during December and January seem to have so far absented themselves this