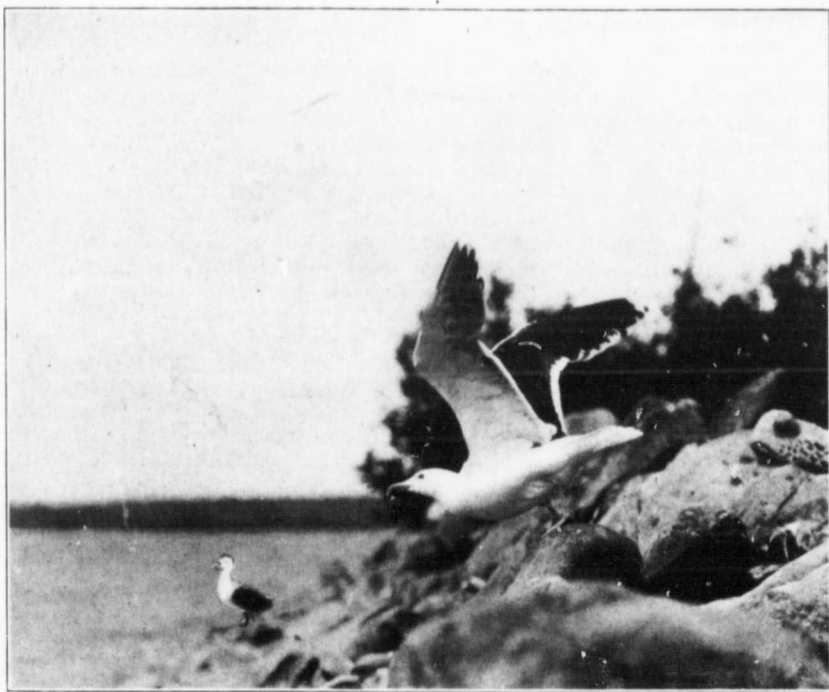


as many Gulls in the colony as I found there in 1920, so that it is evident that the colony is making encouraging growth.

It is earnestly hoped that, through the powers conferred by the Migratory Birds Convention Act, this colony of Gulls may be made a permanent reservation, and that the friends of bird protection in Canada may do everything possible to assist in bringing this about. Although all Gulls are protected by the Act, yet the general protection thus afforded must often, from force of circumstances, be insufficient, and to make this splendid colony a

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PUSHING OFF—A GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL IN THE ACT OF TAKING FLIGHT.

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reservation, with a local warden during the breeding season, would add greatly to its chances of survival and growth. At present, although the wardens in the Maritime Provinces are alive to the situation and are doing their best, these Gulls must depend for protection largely on lack of widespread knowledge of their breeding at this place and on poor boating facilities on Lake George. As the country about the lake becomes more thickly settled, the chance of sudden irreparable in-

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are a source of water-supply for Yarmouth town. On the other hand, such an eminent authority as C. W. Townsend, M.D., has stated to me that "the presence of these Gulls would have no effect on the potability of the water, or perhaps a beneficial one, as they would at once remove all dead fish or other animal matter that might otherwise pollute the lake." Although such a large number of Gulls must obtain the greater part of their food supply elsewhere than at the lake, yet they do not