

CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN BIRDS.

CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN BIRDS, PART I.—WATER BIRDS, GALLINACEOUS BIRDS and PIGEONS, including the following orders: PYGOPODES, LONGIPENNES, TUBINARES, STEGANOPODES, ANSERES, HERODIONES, PALUDICOLÆ, LIMICOLÆ, GALLINÆ and COLUMBÆ. By JOHN MACOUN, M.A., F.R.S.C., Naturalist to the Geological Survey of Canada. Ottawa: 1900. Price, Ten Cents.

Also PART II.—BIRDS OF PREY, WOODPECKERS, FLY-CATCHERS, CROWS, JAYS and BLACKBIRDS, including the following orders: RAPTORES, COCCYGES, PICI, MACROCHIRES, and part of the PASSERES. By the same Author. Ottawa: 1903. Price, Ten Cents.

Not students of Ornithology alone and sportsmen, but bird-lovers generally, and their name is legion, will be delighted at the appearance of these latest contributions of the veteran Naturalist to the Geological Survey of Canada to the science of the Dominion. Professor Macoun tells us in his preface that he has been collecting materials for these publications since 1879. They are all the more valuable on this account. It was possible to bring together so much information about the birds found in Canada, only after a series of observations continued for many years, by a large number of interested persons, spread over the entire northern half of the continent. The author in this study on Canadian birds has made use of the matter furnished by every other writer on the ornithology of our country, as in his larger works on botany he embodied the published lists of all the plant collectors of Canada, crediting each with what he had appropriated. In addition, he has been fortunate enough to be able to enlist individual observers throughout the Dominion who have furnished him with information not hitherto given to the public, regarding the birds frequenting their neighbourhood. The aggregate result is that we have mentioned in the two parts of the catalogue indicated above, a complete list of the bird fauna of the Dominion, including Newfoundland, in the several families embraced in these publications.

Part III. to complete the catalogue, with an index, it is promised, will be issued shortly.

There are described in Parts I. and II., altogether, the habits, nests and eggs of 463 kinds of birds, 307 in Part I. and 156 in Part II. They are numbered in the catalogue to correspond with the numbers employed in the check-list of the American Ornithologists' Union, for the sake of identification by the ornithologists of the continent. All the species embraced in the afore-mentioned check-list, included in Part I., are found in Canada, with 51 exceptions; but in addition there are 42 varieties listed. In Part II. there are, of the species