

Quebec is first introduced to the readers of "The Naturalist" as an observer of birds, by an article on the breeding of the Sky Lark in captivity, and in which was published in the third volume of that Journal, and in the 4th volume he came again in to notice through an article on "The Land and Sea Birds observed around Quebec" In the introduction to this article, the Editor refers to lists of birds made by Messrs G. W. Allen of Toronto, and Dr. Verhulst of Montreal, the results of observations made at their respective cities in the years 1853 to 1857, as being well calculated to throw additional light on the Canadian fauna, as yet so imperfectly known. Then after ~~briefly~~ stating his intention to briefly notice the birds that were common to the districts of Quebec and Montreal, he gives some information regarding the Snow and Barred Owls, ^{and the Merlin} then proceeds to the words of Governor Bouchier on the avifauna of Canada, and concludes his article by a reference to the breeding habits of the Wild Goose, some species of Wild Ducks, and the occurrence of the Pine Linnet, the Snow Bunting and the Phalarope at Quebec -