

## THE WESTERN GREBE IN ONTARIO.

There have been a good many records of the occurrence of this bird in the province, but probably not one is capable of being substantiated. All those that have been investigated have proved to be the Red-necked Grebe, which is a regular and frequent migrant through all of Ontario, and the uncertified remainder are doubtless of the same class. It is a pleasure, therefore, to put in print a genuine record for which the skin is in evidence.

Some months ago in examining the collection of Mr. J. E. Keays, of London, Ontario, I found an immature specimen of the Western Grebe which had been obtained from Mr. H. D. Carman, about 1892, and which was taken at Sarnia. The date of capture is unknown, but it was in the neighbourhood of 1888.

There is little doubt but that this species, so common in the west, strays into the regions of Lakes Superior and Huron each year, but its numbers would probably be few and only rarely would one be seen or captured by anyone competent to identify it.

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## BIRD NOTES.

The following notes were given to me by Mr. I. Turner, who has spent the past winter near the "end of steel" on the Transcontinental Railway, about fifty miles east of Cochrane.

WILLOW PTARMIGAN (*Lagopus l. lagopus*). Abundant during the greater part of the winter, from about the middle of December, 1912, to March 20th, 1913. The birds were very tame, and would seldom take wing on the approach of a human being; more likely one of the males would strut ahead of the flock and with trailing wings advance, as if to challenge the intruder.

CANADA SPRUCE PARTRIDGE (*Canachites canadensis canace*). Common, and like the preceding species, very tame.

NORTHERN RAVEN (*Corvus corax principalis*). Common; usually to be found in vicinity of the camps, where they fed on offal and other refuse.

CANADA JAY (*Perisoreus c. canadensis*). Common; another camp-follower.

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