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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MUSEUM WORK ON POINT PELEE, ONT.*

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In following out a scheme for illustrating the various faunal areas of the Dominion in the Museum of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, by large landscape groups showing the characteristic plants, animals, etc., of each marked division, it was decided to begin the work in southern Ontario, which from its striking characteristics and accessibility was obviously a natural starting point for the work.

Point Pelee, Essex County, near the western end of Lake Erie, was the chosen point of operation and on May 15th a Museum party, composed of Messrs. C. H. Young, C. L. Patch, and the writer arrived on the Point. Delayed by unavoidable circumstances our arrival was too late to catch the early migrants but, as the season was cold and the migrations delayed, this was not as serious as it might have been in a more normal year.

A considerable amount of work has been done and results published† relative to this region, by various ornithologists, mostly since 1905, but no continuous series of observations have been carried on there hitherto in summer months.

Owing to the fact that our attention had to be turned principally to collecting, for our exhibition group, a great amount of strictly scientific work was precluded, but general conditions proved so interesting that the most salient features seem worthy of record.

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†See P. A. Taverner and B. H. Swales—Birds of Point Pelee, Bull. Wilson Ornithological Club, 1907-08. Nos. 59-62, and various notes and short papers by the above and W. E. Saunders, in the pages of the Ottawa Naturalist.