

collected, and any information communicated which may serve to determine the species.

Skins of any divers or grebes in full spring plumage, of the large black grouse, of the ptarmigan, or willow grouse (especially in summer dress), of the different kinds of Canada or black-necked geese, and of any waders in full breeding plumage, and in fact of Arctic birds generally, will be very acceptable.

The different species of Salmonidæ, as salmon, trout, whitefish, and grayling, are particularly desired by the Institution. In the absence of alcohol, these may be skinned and dried. Fishes of all kinds, however, will be much valued.

Insects of all kinds will be highly prized, and, in fact, no object of natural history, however abundant and familiar, will be without its interest to the Institution.

If suitable opportunities occur for the transmission of any returns to these circulars, either of specimens or of observations, they should be sent directly to the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.; if not, they should be forwarded to the care of the Governor of the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company.

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