done to meadows and pastures, to grains and forage, to garden crops, to small fruits, to nursery stock, to orchards, to forest trees, and to parks and lawns,"— HEGNER.

The natural enemies of mice,— Owls, hawk, skunks, foxes, etc., perform a great service for man. How does man reward them? Such facts should be brought to the farmer's notice. The shooting of one owl or the trapping of a skunk may mean a ton less of crop, for, if man disturbs nature's balance, he must pay the price!

"The rat is the worst mammalian pest known to man. Its depredations throughout the world result in losses amounting to hundred of millions of dollars annually. But these losses, great as they are, are of less importance than the fact that rats carry from house to house and from seaport to seaport the germs of the dreaded plague."— LANTZ.

The amount of loss due to rats in the United States is not known; in Germany the loss is estimated at \$50,000,000 per year.— HEGNER.

Birds.

May I ask the readers of the "REVIEW" to kindly send me lists of winter birds found in their localities. We cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of bird study. It is often the door to the whole field of nature study. If you have not begun Nature Study in your school, or if you find it a drag, here is a stimulant, a real tonic, that will soon restore health and vigor. Begin at once to prepare lists, if not in process already. The interest you arouse will be a good index of your own enthusiasm.

Please report on postal cards. May I insist on postal cards as they are easily kept on file, and are more readily tabulated. If one card does not give you enough space send two, three, or more. Rule a card, the long way. (A card will readily give twenty lines for writing) In the top space, write:-"Report from." (Naming locality, County and Province, and date of sending;) on second line, write:--"Made by" (here give your name and school.) From the second line to the bottom of the card rule a line reserving a space to the left of about an inch and a half, head this space, on the third line, "Name of bird;" follow by two other cross lines making two columns about one inch each; head these:-"Dates seen," and "Numbers seen;" head the column to the right, which will be nearly two inches wide, - "Remarks." Fill in data and

send the cards to me, directed to Wolfville, N. S., mailing them not later than March 25th.

Keep also lists of spring migrants as they arrive, and report on cards by the 20th of each month. Rule the cards about the same as already directed. See the accompanying plan.

The plan for ruling and heading cards for reporting spring migrants has been adopted from "Bird Lore," and is as follows:—

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I will tabulate results and publish in the April REVIEW.*

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARIES OF THE WAR OF 1812.

J. VROOM.

XX.— THE BATTLE OF LACOLLE MILL.

March 30.— In the middle of March, 1914, General Wilkinson began his last movement against Montreal, a movement which was to end in the final disaster of his inglorious military career.

Advancing along the shores of Lake Champlain, the route followed by Dearborn in 1812, and by Hampton in 1813, he crossed the Canadian boundary on the morning of the thirtieth of March, He had with him an army of about four thousand men. The British forces in Lower Canada were scattered, guarding different points. Their strongest position was on the Lacolle River, a branch of the Richelieu, where there was an old stone mill which had been converted into a fort. This improvised fort lay about eight miles north of the boundary line; and was held by not more than two hundred British regulars. The invaders, when they reached the place, after some delays and difficulties, sent six hundred men across the Lacolle, and attacked

^{*} See Professor Perry's Notice of "The Bird Note Book." page 209 of this issue.