

of the work of destruction of people who had no thought of to-morrow.

An effort is now being made by persons interested in the preservation of such a fine bird to save it from utter extinction if there be any alive. At a recent meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union the matter was brought up by Prof. C. F. Hodge, of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., and as a result of the discussion that followed Colonel Kuser offered an award of \$300 for the first information of a nesting pair of wild passenger pigeons *undisturbed*. Before this award will be paid, such information exclusive and confidential, must be furnished as will enable a committee of expert ornithologists to visit the nest and confirm the finding. If the nest and parent birds are found *undisturbed* the award will be promptly paid, through Prof. Hodge. The object of this generous award is to induce a search for nesting passenger pigeons throughout the length and breadth of Canada and the United States; and when they are found to organize adequate protective work through legislation and warden service, so that the birds may be permitted to feed in absolute safety and be accorded the freedom of the American continent.

All lovers of birds, it is felt, will join heartily in the plan proposed for the preservation of this ill-fated pigeon. In order, however, that a wide-spread interest may be aroused in the effort to locate nesting pairs, there should also be local volunteer awards for the first undisturbed nest in each province; and a call is here made to our liberal-minded citizens for such local awards. Teachers throughout Canada should call the attention of the boys and girls to the plan and ask them to join in the search. The first nest discovered will draw Colonel Kuser's award of \$300 and the local award as well. That first nest is likely to be found in Canada.

BOOK REVIEW.

CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN BIRDS. By John Macoun, Naturalist to the Geological Survey, Canada, and James M. Macoun, Assistant Naturalist to the Geological Survey, Canada. Department of Mines, Geological Survey Branch, Ottawa, 1909.

Bird lovers and Canadians generally will join in felicitations to Prof. John Macoun and Mr. J. M. Macoun on the successful completion of their revision of the Catalogue of Canadian Birds, which is just out, bringing Canadian ornithological records as nearly as possible up to date.