
BIRDS OF PEASEMARSH

run out, and so they have returned spring after spring, bringing others with them.

To obtain success, however, a sanctuary, when once established, should be carefully guarded. It is just as important to retain as it is to gain the confidence of the birds. The experience here shows that every sanctuary should be established on a permanent basis. Increasing the number of birds will increase the number of bird enemies, unless these are constantly kept down. To attract birds to any spot and then, when they have learned to know the spot as a haven of safety, to cease to give them the protection which made it safe, may result in more loss of bird life than if the sanctuary had never been established.

Much as one sanctuary in a district can do, it has its limitations. The birds do not know the boundary of the sanctuary and accidents may befall them when they are beyond its limits or passing on in their migratory flight. Especially has this been the case with game birds, numbers of which have so often been shot when passing on from a sanctuary where they have fed and rested. A line of sanctuaries that provide food and resting places for birds in