

EXPLAINS AIMS OF THE BIRD TREATY

Pamphlet shows how all
will benefit

"No Spring Shooting Means More Migratory Game" is the title of a pamphlet issued by the Dominion Parks Branch, Department of the Interior with a view to directing public attention toward more general practice of the principles of conservation and preservation, and with the purpose of making clearer the aims and objects of the Migratory Birds Convention Act, the international law for bird life protection. The Commissioner of Dominion Parks, J. B. Harkin, is the administrator of the Act, copies of which, and also copies of the pamphlet referred to, may be obtained from the Dominion Parks Branch, Ottawa.

SHOWS ADVANTAGE BY FIGURES.

The pamphlet says in part:—

"Jack Miner tried for years to attract Canada geese to his ponds with a few live Canada geese as decoys. There were not many geese passing, or they refused to accept his hospitality. The numbers visiting his premises were something like this per year: 0, 0, 0, 17, 30, 150, 500, 5 acres of geese. These geese, numbering over 1,000 per year, were not shot at in the spring. Now these flocks of geese come swarming to his place with the last member of the flock out of sight against the horizon.

"Why did the geese congregate in such multitudes? Because one man protected them on his few acres of sanctuary; yes, and fed them, and did not shoot them at all."

The pamphlet employs simple figures to show the destructive nature of spring shooting. Suppose spring shooting is allowed, it reasons. Sixty birds start south in a flock. Fall shooting, one-fourth are killed, which leaves forty-five. Starvation, accident, and death in winter reduce these to thirty-four. One-fourth of these are killed by spring shooting; twenty-six are left. During the spring migration one-fourth die, leaving twenty. Suppose ten pairs of birds raise four young each, which adds forty to the flock, bringing it back to its original number, so that next fall's flock will be just sixty birds, and the species is stationary, unless some catastrophe occurs to increase its losses. Another group of figures is given demonstrating that if spring shooting is not allowed, and all other losses are the same, next fall's flock will be 78, and the species is increasing.

TREATY EXPLAINED.

The pamphlet explains that in the Migratory Birds Treaty entered into by Canada and the United States the two countries agree to stop all spring shooting of migratory game birds. The pamphlet says:—

"Many other birds are protected by this treaty, some of which, such as certain shore birds, swans, cranes, wood ducks, and elder ducks are protected for a number of years. One of our two species of swans, a curlew, and a crane are in the gravest danger of extermination now, and other species will follow unless every one helps to keep our promise to protect these migratory birds.

"The agreement is not intended to stop the legitimate use of game birds for sport and food in fact, it is already proven that it will increase the supply which can be taken, without endangering the species, because the game birds which are about to nest in the spring will not be harassed or killed on their northern journey.

"Perhaps you enjoy watching the first light of dawn from your hide in the rushes as you wait for sunrise and the flock which will pitch on hovering wings towards your decoys. Whether the game bag is full or empty when you return to camp, you have lived, for one morning at least, in the open. Do not forget that curly-headed boy at home, for he may want to enjoy your favourite sport in years to come. Leave some game for him."

SUMMARY OF THE TRADE OF CANADA FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDING MAY.

	1917.	1918.	1919.
	\$	\$	\$
IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION.			
Dutiable goods.....	494,205,075	533,674,010	515,295,381
Free goods.....	426,846,951	403,795,752	361,450,438
Total imports, mdse.....	921,052,026	937,469,762	876,745,819
Duty collected.....	155,694,401	159,454,535	154,317,477
EXPORTS.			
Canadian.....	1,215,833,280	1,475,988,794	1,214,197,961
Foreign.....	30,879,984	44,528,284	55,897,682
Total exports, mdse.....	1,246,713,264	1,520,517,078	1,270,095,643
IMPORTS BY COUNTRIES.			
United Kingdom.....	104,886,532	76,019,554	74,042,458
Australia.....	744,294	2,348,324	4,927,552
British East Indies.....	6,935,106	17,491,007	14,364,436
British Guiana.....	7,477,189	6,379,910	6,957,196
British South Africa.....	236,221	777,822	1,085,773
British West Indies.....	14,082,916	9,938,407	8,250,518
Hong Kong.....	1,330,130	2,220,384	1,892,962
Newfoundland.....	2,163,598	3,027,758	3,055,898
New Zealand.....	1,986,644	3,653,649	8,170,679
Other British Empire.....	1,692,009	1,927,558	446,105
Argentine Republic.....	2,616,319	978,754	1,108,631
Brazil.....	1,127,368	858,935	1,173,811
China.....	1,190,204	1,881,450	1,415,454
Cuba.....	855,717	1,395,258	3,393,531
France.....	6,285,669	4,858,161	3,874,190
Italy.....	1,229,170	723,603	463,535
Japan.....	8,761,940	13,118,955	13,109,850
Netherlands.....	1,160,663	1,033,263	616,229
United States.....	740,497,811	771,955,500	706,162,189
Other Foreign Countries.....	15,792,526	16,881,510	22,234,822
EXPORTS BY COUNTRIES.			
United Kingdom.....	746,435,305	802,204,993	543,376,178
Australia.....	5,816,423	9,966,672	14,026,686
British East Indies.....	1,487,787	3,943,055	4,441,211
British Guiana.....	1,649,568	2,316,702	2,319,163
British South Africa.....	4,030,345	5,917,076	11,869,271
British West Indies.....	5,192,167	8,227,542	9,242,682
Hong Kong.....	497,739	948,773	1,063,704
Newfoundland.....	6,576,387	10,585,547	11,451,106
New Zealand.....	3,375,097	4,328,850	6,004,220
Other British Empire.....	4,083,387	1,902,656	3,639,694
Argentine Republic.....	1,733,714	1,230,466	4,912,631
Brazil.....	911,343	1,101,423	4,243,484
China.....	429,748	2,167,930	2,955,461
Cuba.....	3,309,364	3,796,733	5,465,965
France.....	93,482,110	181,608,757	86,673,981
Italy.....	8,094,342	4,550,137	15,388,698
Japan.....	1,192,781	5,666,423	12,322,527
Netherlands.....	1,476,546	2,283,387	1,732,097
United States.....	313,618,963	412,390,184	450,484,066
Other Foreign Countries.....	12,440,164	10,851,488	22,583,136

Port Essington Float.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Landing Float and Approach at Port Essington, B.C.," will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, Thursday, July 31, 1919, for the construction of a landing float and approach at Port Essington, Skeena district, B.C.

Plans and forms of contract can be seen and specification and forms of tender obtained at this Department; at the office of the District Engineer at Prince Rupert, B.C.; and at the Post Office, Port Essington, B.C.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on printed forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with conditions contained therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the tender. War Loan bonds of the Dominion will also be accepted as security, or War Bonds and cheques if required to make up an odd amount.

NOTE.—Blue prints can be obtained at this Department by depositing an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$10, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned

if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

By order.

R. C. DESROCHERS,

Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, June 26, 1919.

At Three Rivers.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Concrete Sidewalks, Grading and Seeding, Public Building, Three Rivers, P.Q.," will be received until 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, July 15, 1919, for the construction of concrete sidewalks, grading and seeding, Public Building, Three Rivers, P.Q.

Plans and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the offices of the Chief Architect, Department of Public Works, Ottawa; the Overseer of Dominion Buildings, Central P.O., Montreal; and the District Engineer, Three Rivers, P.Q.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with the conditions set forth therein.

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Illiterate Population.

Of the total population of the Prairie Provinces 10 years of age and over, 7.5 per cent are illiterate, of which the Canadian-born, including the Indians, comprise 33.15 per cent, the foreign-born 67.5 per cent, and the British-born 1 per cent, as stated in the Canada Year Book for 1918.

B.C. Land Settlement.

The British Columbia Land Settlement Board has achieved considerable success in placing returned soldiers on farms on the mainland. Since the beginning of the work of the Board \$1,250,000 has been advanced to soldiers to assist them in this vocation, says a statement issued by the Western Branch of the Department of Immigration and Colonization.