

**An Important Bill.**

Last week we took occasion to refer to a motion, introduced in the Ontario Assembly by Mr. Clarke, the popular and indefatigable member for Centre Wellington, in reference to the protection in Ontario of insectivorous and other birds beneficial to agriculture; and this week we have received a copy of the Bill, the general provisions of which we hasten to lay before our readers. Should this Bill become law—and we have no doubt on the point, considering its many excellent provisions—the usual army of men and boys, for the want of something better to do, will be deprived of committing their wretched wholesale slaughter of birds which should have been long since better protected from these marauds by the strong arm of the law. Why should the lives of our woodland songsters be cut off in a moment, to gratify unthinking sportsmen—sportsmen did we say—pardon us, for no sportsman would be guilty of such an outrage? Why should the yield of our golden fields of grain be materially lessened by the killing of birds whose only offence is the death of millions of insects detrimental to the farmer? What more cheering to the early riser than to listen to the melody of our warblers offering up their morning praise? To destroy these innocent little songsters, for the momentary pleasure it affords to those who indulge in it without any apparent compunction, ought to be beneath any one claiming to have any respect for themselves and others. For these and other reasons not necessary to enumerate, we are glad that Mr. Clarke has introduced his Bill. The Act provides that from after its passing it shall not be lawful to shoot, destroy, wound or injure any bird whatever, save and except eagles, falcons, hawks and other birds of the eagle kind, wild pigeons, kites, crows and ravens. Neither shall it be lawful to take, capture, buy, sell, expose for sale or have in possession any bird whatsoever, save the kinds hereinafter excepted, or to set, wholly or in part, any net, trap, spring, snare, cage or other machine or engine by which any bird whatsoever (save and except those unprovided for by the provisions of this act) might be killed and captured; and any such traps may be destroyed by any person, without incurring any liability therefor. It shall be contrary to law to take, injure, destroy or have in possession any nest, young or egg, of any bird whatsoever, except those before-mentioned. Any person who sets, on view, any bird unlawfully possessed, and carry the same before any justice of the Peace to be by him confiscated, and if alive, to be liberated; and it shall be the duty of all market-clerks, police-officers and constables to seize, confiscate, and if alive to liberate such birds. Of course the act does not apply to cage or domesticated birds, or to birds commonly known as poultry. Persons desirous of obtaining eggs or birds for scientific purposes will be granted permission to obtain them on application to the Commissioner of Agriculture. The violation of any of the provisions of the Act, shall subject the offender to the payment of not less than one dollar and not more than twenty dollars, with costs, on summary conviction, on information or complaint before one or more Justices of the Peace, and the whole of such fine shall be paid to the prosecutor; and in default of payment of such fine and costs, the offender shall be imprisoned, in the nearest common jail, for a period of not less than two and not more than twenty days. And it shall be lawful for any police officer or constable to seize any gun, rifle or pistol found in the possession of, and used by any person contrary to the provisions of the Act, and to deliver the same to the Justice or Justices of the Peace, before whom such offender is convicted, and it shall be their duty to cause the said gun to be publicly sold at a date not less than three days nor more than six days after the date of such conviction, and the proceeds of the sale shall, after the deduction of necessary expenses, be applied towards payment of the fine imposed upon such offender, and if the proceeds of such sale shall exceed the amount of such fine, then the surplus shall be paid to the offender, in whose possession such gun was found, but if the proceeds of such sale shall be not sufficient to satisfy the amount of such fine, the offender shall be required to pay the balance still remaining unpaid, or imprisoned as hereinbefore provided. No conviction under the Act shall be annulled or vacated for any defect in the form thereof, or for any omission or informality in any summons or other proceeding under the Act, so long as no substantial injustice results therefrom.

**Editorial Items.**

It is said that a reconstruction of the Local Cabinet of Quebec is about to take place. The Pacific Railway Charter has been so far arranged, that when the Governor-General returns to Ottawa the papers will be ready for his consideration. Great pressure is being brought to bear upon the Government to induce it to establish one Normal School at least in the Western part of the Province. Among the Cabinet changes for the Dominion which are taking place we learn that Mr. Archibald, the ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, has been appointed Secretary of State for the Provinces. The Hon. Joseph Howe makes room by accepting the office of Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia, his native Province. E. B. Wood's excellent speech, on Tuesday night, on the jury question, is highly spoken of by all parties. From the unanimous feeling manifested in the House in favor of his selection to act as counsel in arguing the Ontario and Quebec arbitration matter before the Imperial authorities, it would seem probable that he may be selected and a special Act of Parliament passed to enable him to accept of the appointment while retaining his seat in the House.

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