

it on the Alberta prairies. The Blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium*) was in thousands on the same territory, while in the shaded sand under the pine trees blue lupines occurred by the acre. White variants of the latter were common, and one such was seen of the *Sisyrinchium*. This district is a very interesting one to the botanist, and I have a feeling of fresh surprise on every visit to find the tulip tree and the red pine growing together. In the autumn of last year I visited this district, and was delighted in the great quantity of *Liatris* flowering in the woods. Owing to the fact that a great deal of the latter is wild, and also that cattle are absent, many unusual plants are found in comparative profusion.

BOOK NOTICE.

"CONSERVATION OF FISH, BIRDS AND GAME," issued by the Commission of Conservation. This volume is a report of the proceedings of a conference of the Committee on Fisheries, Game and Fur-bearing Animals of the Commission, and contains a fund of information regarding the present condition and the necessity for protection of Canada's fish, birds and mammals.

Canada is taking a prominent part in the international movement for the protection of wild life. A Migratory Bird Treaty between Canada and the United States is under consideration. Through the influence of the Commission of Conservation and other interests, bird reservations are being created, where the birds may find safe nesting and breeding places.

The fur-bearing animals of Northern and Western Canada are being rapidly exterminated. This is clearly shown by the present report. To secure their more adequate protection, the Commission is advocating the amendment of the Northwest Game Act to place responsibility for its administration upon the Dominion Parks Branch, which already protects the animals in the Dominion National Parks.

The future of the fisheries of Canada is dealt with in an able manner. That they are of great present value is recognized, but there is also a potential value in our oceanic and inland waters which, upon development, would mean the creation of new industries. To meet this condition the Commission is suggesting vocational training and simple demonstration stations for the fishermen, that they may take advantage of the most practical and modern methods of their calling.

The report is replete with illustrations applicable to the subject matter.