

contiguous areas; or an area in which an ineffectual policy for the control of predatory animals will serve as a source of supply to neighbouring territory. For good or for evil, contiguity has an effect on the wild life. In the control of predatory animals it is now obvious that complete success can only be obtained by co-operative effort.

**Canada Protects
its Wild Life**

There is abroad in Canada an impression that the Dominion Government concerns itself little, if at all, with the actual protection of wild life. This impression may have been justified by apparent inactivity in former years: it is not justified to-day, and the proceedings of this conference afford confirmation of the fact. While the Dominion Government has left to the provinces the protection of the game, fur-bearing animals, and other wild life within their respective territories, it is nevertheless responsible for the protection of the wild life over an enormous portion of Canada, namely, the Northwest Territories, Yukon Territory, and in the Dominion parks. In order to carry out our national obligations with respect to the treaty with the United States for the protection of migratory birds, it has also assumed the guardianship of our migratory birds; this is being undertaken with the practical co-operation of the Provincial governments. The legislation governing these matters is administered by the Minister of the Interior. In order to supervise the enforcement of this legislation, and to advise on such matters affecting the conservation of wild life as might be referred to the Government, there was appointed, two years ago, on the recommendation of the Minister of the Interior, an Advisory Board on Wild Life Protection, which is composed of a representative from each of the departments concerned in wild life conservation, namely the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, Mines (Geological Survey), and Indian Affairs, and the Commission of Conservation. The chief activities of this Advisory Board, up to the present, have been the drafting of the legislation under the Migratory Birds Treaty and the revision of the Northwest Game Act.

**Migratory Bird
Protection**

The policy adopted in respect to the protection of migratory birds serves to illustrate two points that I should like to bring out: First, the possibilities in the way of co-operation between the Dominion and Provincial governments; and, second, the useful functions of our Advisory Board as an instrument for bringing about or facilitating co-operation between the Dominion and Provincial governments, inter-provincial or international co-operation, all of which, as we cannot insist too often, are