

further evidence, look upon as having been obtained on the coast, to which alone in Vancouver Island Capt. Prevost's investigations extended. His ship was, however, at times lying off the shores of the mainland; and it is more than probable that these species were collected at various points, though vaguely described as being "from Vancouver Island." It is only out of respect to so high an authority as Mr. Scater, and to so distinguished an officer as Capt. Prevost, that I have retained these species in this list, marking them with a *¶*. Dr. Charles Forbes, R.N., in the appendix to his pamphlet entitled a 'Prize Essay on Vancouver's Island as a Field for Emigration'*, has printed a short list of the birds; but this list is very imperfect, and almost inaccessible to students of ornithology. Mr. J. K. Lord, while Zoologist of the North-west Boundary Commission, made various visits of considerable duration to Vancouver Island, and in his work† has added not a little to our knowledge of the birds of the island; but as he has only professed to give a general sketch of the zoology of North-west America, he can scarcely be blamed for occasional looseness as to localities. I have, however, inserted on his authority fourteen species, marked with a dagger (+), which I was not aware were natives of the island, though common on the mainland. The above, meagre as it is, comprehends all that has been published in any way affecting our knowledge of the species inhabiting the country in question. The late Dr. Wood, R.N., contributed a few paragraphs on the Birds of Vancouver Island and British Columbia to Capt. Mayne's 'Four Years in British Columbia' (pp. 416-18); but I have not touched upon them, as the account will manifestly not admit of criticism.

During my various visits to and explorations of Vancouver Island I lost no opportunity of studying its ornithology; and though often unable to convey any specimens over the almost impenetrable wilds which it was my duty to traverse, I made full notes of the species, and resolved my doubts on return to civilization. I also examined every local collection of which I could

* Victoria, V. I.: 1862.

† The Naturalist in British Columbia and Vancouver Island. London: 1866.