

## PREFACE.

Although only a year has passed since the publication of Part II of this Catalogue, Part III will be found to include notes from several new observers. These notes and the fact that our knowledge of the smaller birds, and especially of their breeding habits, is much more complete than was the case with those covered by the previous parts account for the larger size of the present number. Mr. William Spreadborough, who has worked as my field assistant for so many years, collected in the spring of 1903 in the vicinity of Lake Okanagan in southern British Columbia; during the remainder of the season he was with Mr. James M. Macoun in the Peace River region in Lat. 56°. During part of April and nearly the whole of May, 1904, Mr. Spreadborough collected in the vicinity of Fernie and Elko, B.C., and I have been enabled to include a few of his notes in the latter part of the Catalogue. At the time of writing Mr. Spreadborough is en route for Hudson Bay where he will spend the summer, chiefly in the study of the breeding habits of the waders. Lists of birds and notes on their relative abundance have been furnished me by Mr. Alfred L. Garneau, Ottawa, Ont., Mr. A. B. Klugh, Guelph, Ont., Mr. A. F. Young, Penetanguishene, Ont., Mr. Norman Criddle, Aweme, Man. and Mr. E. F. G. White formerly residing in British Columbia, but now at Ottawa.

Many doubtful or immature birds have been submitted to Mr. H. C. Oberholser, Assistant Curator, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., and I have accepted his determinations in every instance. Mr. Oberholser also examined all the sparrows and warblers which have been found to vary as we cross the continent. Much additional information regarding the birds included in the first two parts has come to my hands and this will, in the near future, be published in the form of an addendum to the complete Catalogue.

In bringing to a close a work, which though arduous has given me not less pleasure than the compilation of my larger Catalogue of Canadian Plants, I wish again to thank my many correspondents for the information and assistance they have so freely given