

slaughtered after Christmas. If one-half of these were females, and if they even averaged only one calf each, here was game enough destroyed in one season to stock the Park. Besides affording noble sport to the hunter, the moose is a very valuable animal to the settler and the frontiersman, and it would be a pity to allow him to be exterminated like the buffalo of the western plains without at least affording him every opportunity of survival. A full-grown moose weighs upwards of 1,000 pounds, and will dress 500 pounds of beef, while his skin will make twenty pairs of moccasins, which readily sell at two dollars a pair.

The nimble-footed deer are, notwithstanding the onslaughts of the pot-hunter in the past, and of their natural enemy the wolf, always, growing in numbers. For here, too, the wolf, the fiercest and most cunning enemy of all animal life, thrives, and claims many a victim, especially among the young deer and smaller quadrupeds. The interlocked antlers of moose and deer, which the rangers occasionally find in the Park, tell of forest tragedies where conflicts have been waged to the death and the strife has been ignominiously terminated by the arrival of the wolves on the scene. At the time of his first visit to the Park, the writer was shown (and got an excellent photograph of) two pairs of these locked antlers, which had been taken from the carcasses of two bucks found the previous winter in the woods, and whose inextricable grip of each other caused their mutual destruction. It would, in fact, be impossible to separate them without destroying them.

BIRD LIFE.

Bird life is also being attracted to the Park. Owing to the wanton and useless destruction of our feathered friends, by means of guns in the hands of boys and young men, insectivorous birds are every year becoming scarcer in the settled portions of the Province, and had we not a refuge such as the Algonquin Park some species would probably eventually become practically extinct. Partridge are numerous, but are preyed upon by the foxes — which, however, along with the wolves, bears and other destructive and objectionable animals and birds, are being gradually killed off by the rangers. Wild duck are reported plentiful on some of the lakes, and wild rice has been sown with the intention of at-