

now belongs to Mr. George Beannish of this city.

AMERICAN HAWK OWL (*Surnia ulula caparoch*). On 13th December, 1893, one of these very rare Nova Scotian owls was brought to Mr. Purcell. It came from Annapolis, and was quite fresh—probably having been killed a few days previously. Mr. Downs got one early in 1889. Mr. Austen has two.

PILEATED WOODPECKER (*Ceophloeus pileatus*). This handsome bird, the Great Northern Chief as it is sometimes called, will probably at length succumb to the advances of civilization. It is an uncommon or rare resident in the province, and is only found in heavily wooded districts. There is no record of its breeding near Halifax, nor have I ever heard of it even having been observed in that locality. A specimen was shown to me by Mr.