

ful and aggressive that the teamsters had to wear half a pork barrel over their heads when going out to the stables in the dark, but I do not vouch for the terminological exactitude of that story!

But after all, such adventures are very rare, and it may safely be said that the benighted traveller can lay his head anywhere in the woods of Eastern Canada in perfect security from venomous reptile or predacious beast; and with the exception of annoying insects at certain seasons of the year, he need "fear no enemy but winter and rough weather."

BIRD NOTES FROM MULVERHILL, MAN.

THE BLUEBIRD, *Sialia sialis*. In this district, during last summer, I did not meet a single one until fall. One day in the autumn, a flock of some twenty birds (mostly young ones) appeared near my home. They remained about half a day and then disappeared. I came to the conclusion that they had been breeding further north, and were on their way south.

CANADA JAY, *Perisoreus canadensis*. During last summer several pairs stayed with us all the summer. This season I have not seen a single one.

NORTHERN PILEATED WOODPECKER, *Phaeotomus pileatus*. During last summer at least two pairs stayed in our poplar bush all the season. This summer not a single one has been seen.

GREATER YELLOW LEGS, *Totanus melanoleucus*, and LESSER YELLOW LEGS, *Totanus flavipes*. Contrary to the general rule of both, these sister waders have been here in large flocks all this spring. Saw several of them on June 9. Last year I did not see a single one of either variety until late in the fall, when the migrants came down in flocks from the north. I found the nest of a Yellow Legs on June 24, less than a mile from my house.

CANADA GOOSE, *Branta canadensis*. Last year they all passed by both spring and fall; this year at least two pairs are staying in the big marsh in the middle of Birch Lake, evidently breeding.

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