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## WATERFOWL OUTLOOK BRIGHTER

For the first time in ten years, the waterfowl outlook in Canada shows improvement, according to a recent survey conducted by the Chief Federal Migratory Bird Officers of the Department of Mines and Resources. With the exception of the southern parts of the Prairie Provinces, the waterfowl of Canada experienced a good year in 1938.

Waterfowl in British Columbia showed a general improvement over 1937. In the Dry Belt water conditions were better than anticipated. This improved condition was particularly noticeable in the Okanagan and Nicola districts where a number of ponds contained water for the first time in many years. Young ducks of all species appeared to be above normal in percentage of survival.

As a whole conditions in the Prairie Provinces continued poor for waterfowl, but indications are that the drought cycle is at last broken and a brighter future for the waterfowl in this important duck nesting area is anticipated. Water restoration work under the authority of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act and by private interests has undoubtedly improved nesting conditions and will continue to exert an increasingly beneficial effect as these efforts are extended.

In Ontario and Quebec a general increase in the number of ducks was reported. This was particularly noticeable in Black Ducks and Blue-winged Teal, and there were also some gains in the numbers of Mallards, Scaup, Redheads, and Canvasbacks. Wood Ducks appeared more numerous in some areas commonly frequented by them. The improvement is generally attributed to a favorable nesting season, a good supply of food, the prohibition of baiting and the use of live decoys, later opening of the hunting season, good observance and enforcement of law and the short hunting season and other restrictions in the United States.

In the Maritime Provinces the duck population showed a definite increase. Black ducks were reported more numerous than for years throughout the Maritimes, and Pintails were fairly common in sections of Nova Scotia, with every indication that they were reared locally. Blue-winged Teal have unquestionably shown a marked increase throughout the Maritime Provinces in recent years, while the Canada Geese showed up favorably in comparison with 1936 and 1937.

### BERYLLIUM

A deep interest has been observed in recent years in the mineral beryllium. Possibly the most significant development in the beryllium industry during 1938 was the interest taken in the wider use of the element in munitions, more specifically in vital parts of airplane engines. Of interest, too, is the employment of beryllium for cementing steel. There is also the possibility that beryllium oxide films may be used to prevent tarnish on silver.

There are several known occurrences of beryl in Canada and shipments of several tons have been made for experimental purposes from deposits in Renfrew County, Ontario, and the Oiseau River area in Manitoba. That was in 1936, but no commercial shipments had been made in 1937.

Notwithstanding the great interest displayed by several chemical manufacturing companies, inventors, and various rumors of new enterprises engaging in the production of beryllium on a more or less large scale, world output of beryllium probably still fails to exceed 500 tons a year.

Beryllium is virtually as hard as tempered steel, melts at about the same high temperature, yet is scarcely two-thirds as heavy as aluminum

and resists atmospheric attack to about the same degree owing to its film-forming properties. The metal was isolated as a powder by Wohler a century ago, but attempts to produce molten metal that could be cast failed until 1920, when Hans Goldschmidt and Alfred Stock developed in Germany an electrolytic process yielding ingots that contained, after refining, 99.5 per cent Be and only minor impurities, chiefly iron, aluminum and carbon.

Unfortunately the unalloyed metal is brittle, and while this difficulty might be largely overcome by producing an even purer metal, the excessively high cost (\$35 to \$50 a pound) virtually eliminates it for structural purposes. Effort to produce light, strong alloys using only small additions of beryllium to aluminum or magnesium have not been successful commercially, and industrial developments have been confined almost exclusively to the hardening or heavy metals, chiefly copper and, to a minor extent nickel and other nonferrous metals. Almost the only use for the metal itself is for "windows" for X-ray tubes and electrodes for neon signs; the target for the latest atom-smashing cyclotrons also are made of beryllium.

### COMING AND GOING

Automobile tourist travel entering this country is naturally lighter during February than most months of the year, yet in February last 141,996 United States cars crossed into Canada, according to figures furnished the Department from stations. Last year's total for the same month was 162,273, a difference of 20,277. Cars entered under 60-day touring permits numbered 18,611 under travellers vehicle permits 2,653, for periods of six months 1, for short stays of 48 hours or less 120,731.

The province of Ontario entered 10,891 cars under 60-day touring permits during February, Quebec 3,482, British Columbia 3,376, New Brunswick 684, Manitoba 106, Alberta 52, Saskatchewan 15, Nova Scotia 5. Ontario also entered the largest number of cars for stays of 48 or less, totalling 70,707 with New Brunswick in second place with 35,988, while Quebec issued the largest number of travellers vehicle permits, via., 1,028.

The port of Fort Erie issued 4,369 sixty-day permits in February, the largest number issued at any point in Canada. Windsor in second place issued 3,969 permits. Pacific Highway 1,604, Niagara Falls 1,426, Phillipsburg, Que., 1,009, Lacolle, Que., 872, Sarnia, Ont., 624, Douglas, B. C., 592.

Almost ninety per cent of the cars entered under sixty-day touring permit came from five border states, i.e., New York State was represented by 6,294 cars, Michigan, by 4,404, Washington by 2,988, Vermont by 2,032, Maine by 698. Even the southern states sent a quota of tourist under 60-day permits: 17 cars came north from sunny Florida, 2 from Alabama, 22 from Georgia, 5 from Louisiana, 5 from Mississippi, 45 from Texas. Every state in the Union was represented.

A total of 5,220 cars entered Ontario under 60-day touring permits during February from New York state alone, and 4,394 from the State of Michigan. Quebec entered 2,024 cars from Vermont under touring permit and 1,062 from New York. New Brunswick entered the largest number from Maine, totalling 634, while British Columbia entered the largest number from Maine, totalling 634, while British Columbia entered the largest from the State of Washington, totalling 2,972.

Fourteen automobiles entered Canada under 60-day touring permits from countries other than the United States, during February. One of these cars came from the distant Philippine Islands, one from Hawaii, one from the United Kingdom, three from Mexico and eight from Alaska.

A total of 21,790 Canadian cars reported outward under touring permit during February last, as against 24,039 during February, 1938, a decrease of 2,249. British Columbia issued more touring permits than any other province, viz., 9,799, followed by Ontario with 7,890, Quebec 3,403, Manitoba 277, New Brunswick 204, Alberta 139, Saskatchewan 66, Nova Scotia 11, and Prince Edward Island 1. Pacific Highway, B. C., was first among border points in the number of Canadian touring permits issued during February with a total of 4,024. Other points figuring prominently were: Niagara Falls, 2,637 permits; Windsor, 1,836 Huntington, B. C., 1,735; Fort Erie, 1,699; Lacolle, Que., 1,170; Trout River, Que., 746; Sarnia, Ont., 689.

The number of Canadian cars reported outward through British Columbia border points under touring permits during February exceeded the number of United States cars entered by a total 3,441.

## Just in Jest

### Still Odious

Mrs. Blank—"Do you want employment?"

Tramp—"Lady, you mean well, but you can't make work sound any better by using a big word for it."

### To Begin With

George—"I always do my hardest work before breakfast."

Fred—"What's that?"

George—"Getting up."

### Stick Together

Passenger (to driver or old horse)—"Can't you go any faster?"

Driver—"I could, sir, but I wouldn't like to leave my horse behind!"

### Safe Old Age

A Tennessee woman, 80 years old, has never seen an automobile. Which may be the reason she is 80 years old.

### Consistent

Civilization is that state of affairs in which money is collected from women who make up their faces and tint their nails in order to send missionaries abroad to teach the savages not to do the same.

### Forgiving

John: "So you think you have a forgiving nature?"

Edward: "Yes, I must have. I go back to the same dentist."

### The Urge

Uncle Joe—"I hear that your mother doesn't have trouble making you practice on the piano any more."

Billy—"Oh, no. You see, the neighbors hate to hear me, and now I think it's fun practising."

### Couldn't Resist

"Mabel, dear," began her friend. "I was so sorry to hear that Mac broke off the engagement. Did you have a quarrel?"

"No," replied Mabel. "He met a girl from Aberdeen whose birthday was on Christmas Day."

### Hm'm!

One day Jean Jacques Rousseau showed his "Ode to Posterity" to Voltaire.

Voltaire did not think much of it, and replied, "I am afraid your 'Ode' will never be forwarded to its address."

### Sure Way

Mrs. Jones: "We haven't heard from Uncle John and Aunt Ella for 20 years. How do you expect to locate them?"

Jones: "Easy! I'll rent a cottage at the seashore this summer."

## COURT AMUSED BY GOWNED VENDOR

MONTREAL, April 19. — Ernest Brown, who has been going about Montreal for the past few weeks dressed in the gown and wig of an English jurist and selling a book on "The Trial of Hitler," today pleaded guilty before Recorder Semple to a charge of "causing a crowd to assemble."

The accused, whose dress consists of a three-cornered hat over a pig-tailed wig, with a long black gown surmounted by a white collar with a "rabat" was arrested by police in the east end of the city yesterday.

The officers asserted he was being followed by a crowd of youngsters who were mainly interested in his attire.

Mr. Brown said, "I am pleading guilty to this charge to get over with the case, I have a city license to sell the book, and anyway, for three weeks I have been going around the west end of the city selling it and no one has bothered me."

Recorder Semple laughed and suspended sentence.

The Recorder also ordered that the accused's effects, which were taken from him by the police, be returned.

## PHOTO BAN INDICATES SURPRISE

BERLIN, April 19. — A ban on photographers of troops or equipment during the Hitler birthday celebration on Thursday was taken today to indicate that surprise might be in store for the foreign military attaches who will be guests at the military review which is part of the program.

During a review when regent Nicholas Horthy of Hungary visited here last August, the surprise was a group of 16-inch howitzers, the biggest ever seen in Germany.

Private airplanes were forbidden to fly over Berlin between 7 p.m. Wednesday and 8 p.m. Thursday and warning was given that anti-aircraft guns would be on guard. Commercial liners will be able to approach Tempelhof Airport only from the south.

### Pleasant Prospects

"Are you sure your wife knows I'm going home to dinner with you?"

"Knows? I should say so! Way George, I argued with her about it this morning for half an hour."

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