

of the species, besides smaller numbers of other varieties. These numbers may seem ridiculously small to those who are favoured with good wader ground, but in Middlesex County there are no such places and we consider ourselves fortunate indeed if we find an odd one of some of the commoner species during the spring season—Killdeer and Spotted Sandpipers, of course, excepted—E. M. S. DALE.

THE EUROPEAN HARE, A NEW MAMMAL FOR TORONTO.—Professor J. R. Dymond, in delineating the present range of this introduced hare in Ontario,* gives Uxbridge and Markham as localities which mark the limits of the animal's easternmost penetrations in the province. The range as given by Dymond includes the Toronto region, but there have been no specific records published of the presence of this hare in the district about Toronto.

The following records, from the files of the Museum, are all from localities within ten miles of the city limits and constitute our present knowledge of the animal in the neighbourhood of the city. For the first record we are indebted to Mr. J. A. Varley, who reported shooting two near Erindale during the winter of 1924-25. Mr. Varley has had considerable experience hunting this animal in other parts of Ontario. At Woodbridge the hare appeared in 1925 (the first record for York county), according to Mr. R. J. Rogers of Newmarket, agricultural representative for the county. In October of the same year Mr. Varley shot one at Maple and in the following winter (1925-26) two were taken just north of the city, on the farm of Mr. Coppard off Bathurst street, according to information supplied to Mr. L. L. Snyder. In January, 1926, the daily papers reported a "jack rabbit" having been shot at Rouge river, east of the city.

During 1927 we were informed by Mr. Alan Secord that he had seen a few at Thistledown and also at Port Credit. Last year (1928) Mr. R. V. Lindsay observed one on the fields at Islington on June 3 and found a dead specimen near Mimico on September 2. The last report we have, and the first within the city limits, is of one seen by Mr. R. J. Rutter at Sunnyside beach on December 24, 1928.

It might be mentioned that no attempt has been made to ascertain the abundance of this hare beyond this ten-mile limit and all the records mentioned, with the exception of Port Credit and Erindale (Peel county), are in the county of York.—JAS. L. BAILLIE, JR., *Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology*, Toronto.

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In Memoriam COL. W. P. ANDERSON

With the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, our thoughts naturally turn to its early days and the many who took an active part in its formation. In looking over the list of foundation members there are the names of many who remain with us and retain their interest in the Club, but during recent years we have lost several who were most active in the early days.

With the death of Lieut.-Colonel W. P. Anderson, C.M.G., F.R.G.S., M.I.C.E., at Ottawa, on February 1st, 1927, at the age of 75 years, the Club lost one of its founders and a very prominent member in its early days.

As one of the group of enthusiastic amateur naturalists which founded the Club, he was for many years an active member of the council, a Vice-President, and a constant attendant at all its excursions. His interests were with the Geological group, of which he was one of the leaders. In the early numbers of the Transactions are his papers on the Asbestos, Graphite and Phosphate deposits of this district. He was also a member of the Ottawa Library and Scientific Society and President in 1885.

Col. Anderson was born at Point Levis, P.Q. and educated at a private school in Quebec, Bishop College, Lennoxville and St. John's College, Winnipeg. He was appointed to the engineering staff of the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa in 1874 and rose to the position of chief engineer of the department, retiring in 1919 with superannuation.

He had a very keen sense of duty and offered his services in many ways to the public welfare. While still in his 'teens, he volunteered and served in the two Fenian invasions. On coming to Ottawa he joined the Governor General's Foot Guards and later with the establishment of the 43rd Battalion, he joined as adjutant and later attained the colonelcy, which he retained for ten years. As a rifle shot he captured the Governor General's Medal, was twice a member of the Bisley Team and later commandant. He also established the Canadian Militia Gazette which he edited for some years. He was a charter member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers and President in 1904. He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Board and a member and chairman of the Geographic Board of Canada.—DR. H. B. SMALL.



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