

## BIRDS AND MAN IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Over and above the direct work of definite departments, there has been during these 25 years steady and unremitting efforts to inspire and keep alive a knowledge of, and love for, the wild life of the country in a population constantly occupied with new excitements, new inventions, new ideas and new amusements; love for the charm and beauty of birds, ears for their pleasant voices, knowledge of their incomparable value in a world where men are perpetually struggling for dominion over persistent, inconspicuous, pervading insect foes.

Twenty-five years of labour to persuade man the tiller to distinguish his friends in the field from his foes, and man the scientist to turn now and again from his poisons and his parasites to glance at the feathered army which is his mightiest co-worker; 25 years of effort to save those rare birds of our land that find their worst enemies among the men who profess to follow, and in following defame, the science of Ornithology; 25 years of Bird and Tree work in the Schools, and of publications, lectures and letters to the Press, on behalf of the Birds; without this quiet propaganda year in, year out, Rural England and Rural Britain would for a certainty have been the poorer.—*Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.*

## INTRODUCTION OF DEER.

“Wild Life in New Zealand,” by Hon. G. Thomson, F.L.S., gives the particulars of the introduction into New Zealand of the various species of deer which have become successfully acclimatised as follows:—

Wapiti, by the Tourist Department, in 1905.

Moose, by the Government, in 1900 and 1910.

Fallow deer, by the Nelson Acclimatisation Society, 1864.

Fallow deer, by the Otago Acclimatisation Society, 1867, 1869, 1871.

Fallow deer, by the Canterbury Acclimatisation Society, 1871.

Fallow deer, by the Auckland Acclimatisation Society, 1876.

Red deer, by the Wellington Provincial Council, 1862.

Red deer, by the Otago Acclimatisation Society, 1871.

Red deer, by the Otago Acclimatisation Society, 1895.

Red deer, by the Canterbury Acclimatisation Society, 1897.

Red deer, by the Tourist Department, 1903.

Red deer, by the Wellington Acclimatisation Society, 1909.

Sambur deer, by the Auckland Acclimatisation Society, 1875.

Sambur deer, by the Wellington Acclimatisation Society, 1894.

Sambur deer, by the Tourist Department, 1907.

Virginian deer, by the Tourist Department, in 1905.