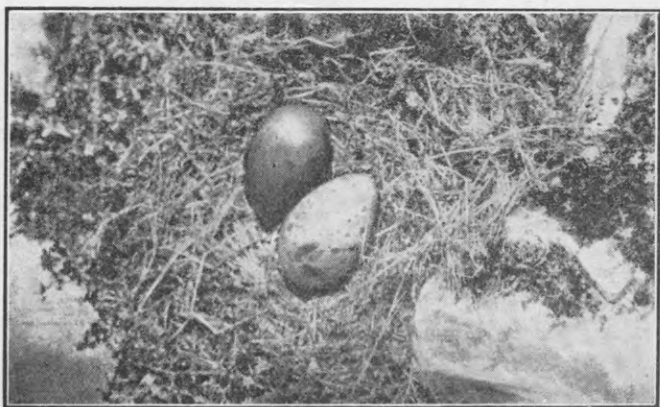


Let us cite briefly what has been accomplished on the dozen or so reservations in the small State of Massachusetts. As soon as the land is taken over by the State, every effort is made to exterminate its varied population of vermin and to make it habitable for game. It is then restocked, if necessary, with game-birds, and placed, if the size of the territory warrants it, under the control of a caretaker."

Dr. L. Cockayne, C.M.G., Ph.D., F.R.S., in "The Flora and Vegetation of New Zealand," says:

. . . . Finally, in course of time, a state of stability will be reached, and a new flora, composed partly of exotic plants and partly of those indigenous to the soil, will occupy the land, and *save in the national parks and scenic reserves, but only if these are kept strictly in their natural condition as to both plants and animals*, this new flora will build up a vegetation different from that of primeval New Zealand.



NEST OF THE BLACK-FRONTED TERN.

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