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VISCOUNT GREY, OF FALLODON, WITH SOME OF HIS FRIENDS, MANDARIN DUCKS, AT HIS PRIVATE SANCTUARY.

THE BIRDS OF VISCOUNT GREY.

ON HIS FALLODON SANCTUARY.

Seton Gordon, in the September issue of the "Strand" Magazine last year, gave some very pleasant impressions of the late Viscount Grey's sanctuary for birds at Fallodon. Many New Zealanders will be warmly interested in the following extracts:—

"On the Northumbrian coast, sheltered by old woods from the sea wind, is the small estate of Fallodon. The owner of the estate—Viscount Grey of Fallodon—is perhaps better known to the world as Sir Edward Grey, who was Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs during the memorable days which saw the outbreak of the Great War.

"Viscount Grey is a lover of birds and beasts. More than any man I know, he has the gift of patience and understanding for his feathered and furred friends, and at Fallodon to-day are seen the marvellous fruits of his love and care for the wild creatures which surround him and cheer his days. Even in his retirement, and handicapped as he is with failing sight, Lord Grey is a busy man, and has, of necessity, to undertake frequent journeys to London and elsewhere. From these journeys he returns to his birds as to old friends, and like old friends his birds greet him.