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PREFACE

GAME protection, as the term is understood in this country, consists largely in the enactment and enforcement of statutes regulating the time when, the manner and means by which, and the amount of, game that may be killed or taken by the public. These statutes are enforced by recognized officers of the State. Hence, most of the questions and problems involved in game protection are matters of law, with collateral practical questions of fact and science. In the following pages the author has attempted to discuss these questions, and point out such as have been settled by the authorities, both legal and scientific. Within recent years a large number of legal points have been settled by the appellate courts of the country, which has served to clarify them and dispel doubt. It is believed that every important case of this kind has been examined and the information adduced therefrom used in some portion of this work.

In proceeding with the work of game conservation, at almost every step the protectionist finds

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himself confronted with some sort of handicap, or serious problem, but undoubtedly the most difficult task is the maintenance of proper and continuous enforcement of the laws. However, it is thought that practically all these difficulties can and will be surmounted when a sufficient number of unselfish persons take an active interest in the cause of game protection.

In collecting material for this volume the author acknowledges special indebtedness for the valuable publications of the United States Biological Survey. For practical information he has relied upon his own private study and experience of many years in the field in an official capacity and that of others similarly situated.

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GAME PROTECTION AND PROPAGATION IN AMERICA

CHAPTER I.

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC—A FOREWORD

At a late session of the Legislature of Vermont, a member thereof arose in his place in the House of Representatives and proposed to abolish all the game laws of that State except those which were intended to protect song birds. This was, indeed, an extraordinary manifestation of the spirit of the times. And it is significant of the general lack of information on this subject. To think that in these days of general diffusion of knowledge, an intelligent, and probably conscientious, legislator should favor such a proposition is astonishing, and goes to show the absolute necessity of educating the public on this vital problem. And yet that act was not without its encouraging feature to the game protectionist. It proved that this legislator did appreciate the value of the song birds at any rate, and we may