

OVER 2 MILLION BUNNIES BAGGED IN STATE IN 1937

LANSING, July 20.—Estimates that more than two and one-quarter million cottontail rabbits were bagged in Michigan during the last hunting season are interpreted by state game investigators as a good indication that the state is not suffering from any alarming scarcity of this animal.

The estimates were made on the basis of the number of kills listed in the first 50,000 small game hunters' reports received by the department of conservation. These 50,000 hunters reported killing 240,486 rabbits. Since approximately 500,000 small game hunting licenses were sold last year, the total kill for the total number of hunters is computed as about 19 kills that reported by the first 50,000 hunters. This method of computation is followed in the belief that if the first 50,000 hunters killed an average of slightly less than five rabbits each, the remainder of the hunters average about the same. The first 50,000 reports were representative of all sections of the state.

Best in Lower Peninsula.
The report showed that the best rabbit hunting was found in the southern half of the lower peninsula, where approximately 40,000 hunters reported bagging 219,656 cottontails, or five rabbits per cottontail. In the northern half of the lower peninsula, 6,552 hunters reported killing 19,360 rabbits, or 2.95 per hunter. In the upper peninsula, 1,588 hunters reported 1,460 kills, or 0.9 per hunter. The average kill per hunter over the entire state was 4.89.

In Kent county, 2,425 hunters bagged 12,645 rabbits, or 5.2 kills per hunter. Barren county, however, showed the best hunting in the state, 94 hunters getting 10,212 rabbits, or 10.8 each.

The reports are believed to dispel the contention that there is a scarcity of cottontails in Michigan and that the state should resort to artificial propagation. Game investigations doubt that if more than two and one quarter million rabbits can be bagged during a year in which the population cycle is known to be down, there would be much improvement in adding the few thousand rabbits which could be stocked artificially. The number which could be stocked, within the limits of practicability and expense, is pointed out would be but a fraction of the two and one quarter million which were available to hunters last year, through natural reproduction.

Dreadful Thought
Is there no organization that can set about improving the conditions of the cottontail which is served in English inns destined to remain as bad as, or worse than, the "Letter to The London Times."

Report of condition of Wabek State Bank

of Birmingham, in the State of Michigan, at the close of business on June 30, 1934. Prepared in accordance with a call made by the Commissioner of the Bank and Trust Department pursuant to the provisions of Section 42 of the Michigan Financial Institutions Act.

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State Photographer Gives First-Hand Impressions Of The Canadian Labrador

(Editor's Note: Walter L. Hastings, official photographer for the Michigan State Conservation Department, is on a trip through Labrador, and the following letter, dated June 6, was sent by him from Wolf Bay, Sagueneau County, to his home-town newspaper at Howell, the Livingston County Press. We are re-printing it here for the enjoyment of our readers.)

Today is not a very good day for photographic purposes and I am spending most of it preparing specimens that I have been collecting and writing letters. The specimens and bird-skins and nests and eggs I have been collecting for the University of Michigan.

I have been located here at Wolf Bay nearly three weeks. The weather is still unusually cold and Saturday while working on White Head Island on the edge of a colony of rare European cormorants I saw snow banks still that are fully fifty feet deep. They lay in the lee of the gullies that run east and west along the island. But there is still quite a little snow on the northern slopes and in the deep gullies everywhere.

Barren, Rocky Land

The country that I am in, is known as the Canadian Labrador. It is barren, rocky land, that has very little vegetation growing on it, and then only in the sheltered spots where soil will not blow away. This sort of land is found along the coast from Eskimo point north and extends east to the northernmost end of the Newfoundland Labrador, about eight hundred miles northeast of here. It really is in the Arctic zone as far as flora and fauna are concerned. This zone extends inland about 25 to 30 miles where one finds the typical Canadian zone. There are no trees growing here at all and it is necessary for the people that I am staying with to cut their wood and haul it from the back country about 25 miles; the hauling is done by dog team and in the winter time.

All along the coast there are numerous islands, thousands of them. Many are nothing more than barren rocks and others are islands that are 10 to 15 miles in length, with a little vegetation growing on them, which is mostly moss and small flower and berry plants. But there is nothing on any great extent and I have found but two kinds of wild flowers, one of them being the perianth of wild flowers that grow here. August is the very best time to see them.

Bay Is Cozy Harbor

Wolf Bay is a snug little harbor, flanked by a rocky hill in back and faced by two small islands of red granite. It faces south with three channels by which one may enter the harbor. The wind can blow in from the east and the west and can enter it. We have had several very bad northeastern storms since we arrived and I know how well the place is sheltered.

There are four families that live in the Wolf Bay settlement. All of them are of the same kind of life in all related. They are very industrious people, hard working, and very happy. They are all of the same kind of life in all related. They are very industrious people, hard working, and very happy. They are all of the same kind of life in all related. They are very industrious people, hard working, and very happy.

Dogs Numerous

There are 15 children in the settlement and 40 sled dogs, not counting three litters of puppies, five having been bought since I arrived. The dogs in this part of the coast are not the Eskimo husky but a larger type, more of the police dog and wolf in them than the husky. It is not out of the ordinary for a wild wolf to breed a bitch and the natives feel that it is a good addition to the breed. They are big gaunt fellows, half starved at this time of the year and treated as no other animal I have ever seen treated in my life. These people could not live on the coast without them, during the winter time, yet it is a crime how they treat them. There is a very famous team here. Owned by Fred Jones, a mother dog, the lead dog, and seven of her pups are the team and how they can travel. They have pulled the biggest and heaviest load and travelled the greatest distance in a single day than any other team of dogs around and they do a lot of racing and contesting during the long winter months and Fred is quite

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