

## A NEW SUBSPECIES OF WILLOW GROUSE FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

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*Lagopus alba alleni* Stejneger. NEWFOUNDLAND WILLOW GROUSE.

SUBSPECIFIC CHAR: Similar to *Lagopus alba* (Gm.), but distinguished by having the shafts of both primaries and secondaries black, and by having the wing-feathers, even some of the coverts, marked and mottled with blackish.

HABITAT: Newfoundland.

The type specimen will be presented to the U. S. National Museum. It measures as follows: Bill from nostrils to tip, 11 mm.; wing (not flattened), 186 mm.; tail-feathers, 111 mm.; tarsus, 40 mm.

Four specimens, all in transition from autumnal to winter plumage, have been examined.\*

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## SECOND MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNI- THOLOGISTS' UNION.

THE second meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union was recently held at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, the session beginning September 30 and occupying three days. The attendance, though not large, was as large as could reasonably be hoped for, considering the remoteness of residence from the place of meeting of many of the members. Besides sixteen Active Members, several Associate Members attended the meeting, which was rendered memorable by the presence of two of our distinguished Foreign Members, Dr. P. L. Sclater and Mr. Howard Saunders—the present editors of 'The Ibis' and leading members of the B. O. U.—who were cordially invited to take part in the proceedings.

The first day's session began at 11.30 A. M., the President in the chair. After the calling of the roll, and the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Secretary presented his report, in the course of which he gave a summary of the present status of membership in the Union. This official statement gave the number of Active Members as 44; of Foreign,

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\* Since writing the above I have examined other specimens from Newfoundland, not less than 14 in all, all of which present the above characters.