

to the environs of the town.—GEORGE MIKSCH SUTTON, *Game Commission, Harrisburg, Pa.*

Canvasback in Pennsylvania in Summer.—On August 9, 1927, when passing a mill pond on Lititz Creek, Lancaster Co., Pa., twenty miles north of the Maryland line, we saw a wild Duck which we could identify only by its distinctive profile. A boy in the neighborhood said "that duck has been here for several days" which would bring its appearance in the locality to the first week in August.

Without question the bird was a Canvasback (*Marila valisineria*) in juvenal plumage which was feeding here with some white farm ducks hundreds of miles from its Canadian summer home. Three days later when we again visited the pond the pale russet color of the bird's crown had spread and perceptibly deepened confirming its profile identification and the statement of A. C. Bent that the color characters of the young Canvasback develop rapidly.—HERBERT H. BECK, and CLIFFORD MARBURGER, *Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.*

Notes on the Migration of Brant.—I have fished for salmon for many years on the Grand Cascapedia River that pushes into the Bay of Chaleur from the Gaspé Peninsula, Quebec. A bit to the west of the mouth of the river is a valley of considerable width flanked on either side by rather high mountains. This valley is short and converges to the valley of the Cascapedia. Coming up this valley, I have seen the Brant move to the northward at evening for many years, and now regularly expect them to pass north just after sunset from the 3rd to the 5th of June, but I have not always made a note of this in my records.

I have wondered where they go, and why so much later than the Geese, and how they would have time to go to the extreme north, raise a brood, and return before the freezing up of the water of their breeding ground.

My imperfect notes say that on June 6, 1920, "Brant are moving north after sundown."

In 1921, under date of June 3, "Large flocks of Brant at evening move north."

My next record seems to be 1925. June 5, "Migration of Brant takes place from sunset for an hour. Great flocks pass to the north; one flock must have been nearly 1000 strong."

In 1926 the migration seems to have been much later, for my first notation is June 12. "Saw six or eight big flights of Brant passing north. One flock I estimated over 200 birds." June 14, another large flock passing north this evening. June 15, Brant pass north at 8.30 P.M. June 16, flock of Brant pass north at 9.10 P. M.

1927, June 10, "Brant passing north at 11.00 A. M. June 11, a flock of Brant passed north about 11.00 A. M., and from 8.00 P. M. to 8.30 saw four large flocks of them. June 13, one flock of Brant passed north at 8.35 P. M.