

two counties I have mentioned are generally adopted, the time is not far off when the game birds which in past years have been so plentiful will only be found on game preserves. Such a condition will be most felt by our country people. Your New York restaurant which is now taking our quail at any price will, after exhausting our supply, laugh at us and point to the fact that we failed to protect our interests when we had the opportunity of doing so.

Every State that desires to properly protect its game from a final extinction should pass laws absolutely prohibiting the sale of game at all seasons of the year. The shipment of game out of the State by sportsmen should be strictly prohibited. And non-resident sportsmen should not be allowed even to carry away with them game which they have killed. To permit non-resident sportsmen to take away with them the game they kill opens the door wide for innumerable so-called sportsmen to spring up who will make it a business to come from other States, kill and buy all the game they can take away with them, and sell it on their getting outside of the limits of the State.

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The Plank in North Carolina.

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Warren and Halifax counties, North Carolina, have recently taken the only proper step toward the preservation of game birds. The last Legislature of the State passed a law for these two counties prohibiting the sale of game at all seasons of the year. It is to be regretted that this law was not made applicable to the whole State. There has prevailed in North Carolina for several years a law prohibiting the shipping of game out of the State. This law, however, afforded but little protection. Allow the killing of game for the market and there will surely be found a way to ship it where it will bring the best price. The most prevalent way of shipping out of the State is by labeling the box "poultry" and placing a few chicken feathers in the box, taking good care to allow some of them to protrude. It might be said that the same practice may prevail regardless of the prohibition as to killing for the market. All we can hope to do is to minimize the opportunity to do wrong. The game is not shipped by the persons who do the killing, but by the store keepers who buy it of the various hunters. Restrict the hunter, and the store keeper, who ninety-nine times out of a hundred does not shoot at all, will be unable to procure the game, certainly not in such quantities as to justify the traffic.

The preservation of game is as important as the preservation of our forests. The ruthless destruction of our forest lands is common knowledge. In the same way are our game birds year by year growing less. Unless laws of the nature now prevailing in North Carolina in the