

Twice as Many Male Ducks As Females, Report

WASHINGTON (Special) — The popular belief among waterfowl shooters that male wild ducks today far outnumber the females has been given startling support by an analysis just made of duck banding records in the files of the U. S. biological survey.

Reports on 40,904 ducks of 10 well-known species, trapped and banded at 50 widely distributed migratory bird banding stations over the country in the past few years, were studied by Dr. Frederick C. Lincoln, waterfowl authority of the survey. Dr. Lincoln informed the American Game association that the figures indicate a more than two to one proportion of males in favor of the females.

Photographs recently taken from the air by army fliers, under Dr.

Lincoln's direction, of large flocks of ducks on the waters around Washington, also indicate a large preponderance of males over female ducks, he said.

No conclusions as to the cause of this condition or as to complete proof of the situation can be given at this time, the expert declared. He has recommended an exhaustive investigation, both in the field and at game farms where wild ducks are raised in captivity.

"If a preponderance of males over females is a fact, as indicated in banding records and reports of sportsmen, it means that the potential ability of wild ducks to increase their numbers is not nearly so great as the present apparent number of ducks would lead one to believe," he said. "Any estimate of future crops of ducks must be based on the number of females."

He declared that the indicated minority of females can not be blamed upon shooting, since male ducks are known to make up the largest part of the average game bag. He

believes the banding figures are a true indication, because as a general rule male birds are more wary of traps than are the females. Birds are banded to determine their flight ranges.

NICE PROFIT REPORTED BY POULTRY MEN

PORTLAND, Feb. 9 (AP) — A profit of \$84,740.55 for the 1931 operations, instead of the heavy loss that had been predicted, was reported by the Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers association at its annual meeting here.

Seven new directors were elected. They are Ambrose Brownell, Milwaukie; Walfrid Lindgren, Astoria; A. H. Dowsett, Gresham; L. E. Arnold, Albany; Kenneth Nelson, Eugene; M. E. Damon, Vancouver and Warren Mattoon, Brush Prairie.

Officers of the co-operative announced a premium of 15c a case was paid on eggs delivered by the membership in 1931. The association handled 304,000 cases during the year, compared with 291,416 cases in 1930.

E. J. Dixon, general manager, said the organization transacted a greater business during 1931 than in any year since its organization.

Dixon announced the association is embarking in the feed business and is now installing machinery in its Portland plant and will supply poultry feed to members.

POTATO MARKET CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 9 (AP) — Coast potato markets were somewhat stronger Tuesday, especially at San Francisco where Klamath Gems showed a rise of from 5 to 10 cents according to today's market report released by the O. S. U. extension service co-operating with the U. S. D. A. bureau of agricultural economics.

Trading was steady in California but dull in Chicago. Shipping markets continued dull with Idaho Falls quotations slightly higher.

Terminal — The principal terminal carlot markets for U. S. No. 1 Netted Gem potatoes were reported stronger today.

Chicago market dull; quotations slightly lower.

Los Angeles market steady; quotations unchanged.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Feb. 9 (AP) — Cattle 50, calves 10; steady. Steers 600-900 lbs. good \$5.50 @ \$6.00, medium \$4.50 @ \$5.50, common \$3.00 @ \$4.00; 900-1100 lbs. good \$5.50 @ \$6.00, medium \$4.50 @ \$5.50, common \$3.00 @ \$4.50; 1100-1300 lbs. good \$5.25 @ \$5.75, medium \$4.50 @ \$5.25, common \$3.00 @ \$4.50. Hogs 500-650 lbs. good \$5.00 @ \$5.50; medium \$4.00 @ \$5.00, common \$2.75 @ \$4.00. Cows good \$4.00 @ \$4.50, medium \$3.00 @ \$4.00, low \$2.00 @ \$3.00. Butts yearlings excluded, good and choice (beef) \$3.25 @ \$3.75, cutter common and medium \$2.00 @ \$3.25. Vealers milk feed, good and choice \$7.50 @ \$8.50, medium \$6.00 @ \$7.50, cull and common \$4.00 @ \$5.00. Calves 250-500 lbs. good and choice \$6.00 @ \$7.00, common and medium \$4.00 @ \$6.00.

Hogs 650, including 66 direct to killers, steady. Light lights 150-180 lbs. good and choice \$4.00 @ \$4.85; lightweights 180-180 lbs. good and choice \$4.75 @ \$4.85, 180-200 lbs. good and choice \$4.75 @ \$4.85, medium weight 200-220 lbs. good and choice \$4.00 @ \$4.85, 220-250 lbs. good and choice \$3.75 @ \$4.60; heavyweights 250-280 lbs. good and choice \$3.50 @ \$4.50, 280-350 lbs. good and choice \$3.25 @ \$4.00. Packing sows 275-300 lbs. medium and good \$3.25 @ \$4.00. Feeders and stockers 70-130 lbs. good and choice \$3.50 @ \$4.25.

Sheep and lambs 50; steady. Lambs 90 lbs. down good and choice \$4.75 @ \$5.25, medium \$3.75 @ \$4.75; all weights common \$2.50 @ \$3.75. Yearling wethers 90-110 lbs. medium to

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|       | Open         | High   | Low    | Close        |
|-------|--------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Mar.  | 54 1/2       | 54 3/4 | 54 1/4 | 54 3/4       |
| May   | 57 1/2 @ 3/4 | 58     | 57     | 57 3/4 @ 3/4 |
| July  | 58 1/4 @ 3/4 | 58 3/4 | 57 3/4 | 57 3/4 @ 3/4 |
| Sept. | 59 3/4       | 60     | 59 1/4 | 58 3/4 @ 3/4 |

PORTLAND WHEAT

|       | Open   | High   | Low    | Close  |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| May   | 59 3/4 | 59 3/4 | 58 1/4 | 58 1/4 |
| July  | 58 1/4 | 58 1/4 | 58     | 58     |
| Sept. | 58 1/4 | 58 1/4 | 58 1/4 | 58 1/4 |

HUGH GIBSON OUTLINES U.S. ARMS POLICY

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Ambassador Gibson spoke with great deliberation and emphasis. As he returned to his seat he was besieged by successive groups of members of other delegations who shook his hand and expressed appreciation of his declaration.

Chancellor Bruening's statement pledged Germany, "with all emphasis," to the advocacy of general disarmament "of an unmistakable nature, such as the League of Nations covenant envisaged" but set out no formal program except to ask that the armaments of all nations be reduced to the same low relative status as Germany. He said he would present a formal program later.

Referring to the proposal presented by M. Tardieu for France last week, he said:

"Let's do away with the efforts, by this or that interpretation of the rules, to secure for ourselves the possibility of military expansion of power and to take it away from others. That isn't the right way. That's the way to make the conference fail and to present the unhappy condition of an armed peace resting on unequal rights."

Bruening speaks German. Chancellor Bruening introduced a new language into the conference, speaking German, which had to be translated into both French and English.

He was given warm applause by the delegates, as was Ambassador Gibson.

Ambassador Gibson's announcement that the United States would consent to budgetary or financial limitation of armaments drew special applause from the delegates. This question has long been a stumbling block to preparatory disarmament work.

"A decrease in arms is an essential," Mr. Gibson said, "not alone for the recovery of the world, but also to the preservation of the whole fabric of peace."

The United States, he said, advocates making the draft convention drawn up by the preparatory committee the basis of the discussions of the conference. In this he agreed in the stand taken by Sir John Simon, spokesman for Great Britain, who addressed the conference yesterday. Gibson added, however, that the United States is willing to consider any supplementary proposal calculated to achieve arms reductions.

Jose Carlos De Mello Soares, Brazilian delegate and first representative of the small powers to speak before the conference, closed today's session. He said the system of excessive armaments produced a classification of nations into great and small powers, therefore it is up to the interested powers to take the initiative in bringing about disarmament in which Brazil stands ready to join.

Mr. Gibson's declaration of American policy, particularly as it applied to armaments in general, appeared to make a favorable impression among the various delegations. Apparently its most valuable feature was an admission of the usefulness of the budgetary method for limiting armaments, which was flatly rejected by the United States delegation in the preparatory commission.

This made the support of financial limitation unanimous and increased the possibility that the conference might achieve some reduction in world armament burdens.

It was remarked that the American, British and French governments were now agreed on the desirability of restricting offensive weapons, thus putting a check on aggression.

Two obvious omissions were noted, however, by international observers. Mr. Gibson said nothing of extending the present armaments truce and he made no reference to the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The American's curt assertion that "the problem of armaments is not of the western hemisphere," naturally provoked some discouragement, but observers suggested that perhaps the problem of disarmament was something the United States took a vital interest in. At least, they observed, the Americans were in Geneva.

The first interruption of the solemnity of the proceedings came today. An elderly woman dressed in mourn-

Butter Climbs With Exception Of Best Scores

PORTLAND, Feb. 9 (AP) — First betterment in the price of butter at Portland for some time, in fact, the initial change for an extended period, was shown during the week's initial session of the produce exchange.

Cubes were sent 1c higher with the exception of top score, which was unchanged for the session. The fact that top score butter was unchanged appeared a reflection of the complaints of the trade regarding the lack of enforcement of the grading and branding law here.

Butterfat showed an advance of 1c lb. effective today. The new delivered price in Portland is 2c lb. with country stations showing a spread of 19 @ 21c lb.

There was no late improvement in the local make but receipts from the country increased somewhat.

Stocks Go Lower In Street Today

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP) — The stubborn downward drift of prices brought the stock market into the area of the bear market low of early January today. The list was quiet, and most losses fractional, but some issues declined a point or two, and Auburn broke more than 8 points. The closing tone was heavy. Sales approximated 1,100,000 shares.

The market had a period of firmness in the early trading, but turned heavy with the further wide break in Auburn, which went below par.

SUGAR AND FLOUR

PORTLAND, Feb. 9 (AP) — Sugar — Cane, granulated \$4.40 100 lbs., beet \$4.30.

Domestic flour — Selling price delivered: patent 48s \$5.60; do 98s \$5.40; bakers' bluestem \$5.20; soft white flour \$5.10 @ \$5.30; whole wheat \$4.80 @ \$5.00; graham \$4.50 @ \$4.80; rye \$5.75 @ \$5.90.

BUYS OYSTER GROUND

PORTLAND, Feb. 9 (AP) — Purchase of 26 acres of private oyster ground in Lower Yaquina bay by W. R. Cummins of that town, was announced here Monday by M. T. Hoy, master fish warden. Cummins said he expects to plant his property to Japanese oysters. Seed will be taken from private beds of the Oregon Oyster company which leases the state beds on Yaquina bay.

ing, and apparently demented, tried to address the gathering about a "dream," but was removed by guards before she had gone very far.

RATE HEARING IS UNDER WAY HERE

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Portland, interior warehousemen and a few farmers.

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