

BIRDS.

Close Time Extended.

II. The time during which the killing or taking of Wild Birds or any of them, is prohibited by the Act of 1880, shall be extended throughout the County of Chester, so as to be from the 2nd day of March to the 12th day of August in each year, both days inclusive :—

Additions to the Schedule of the Act of 1880.

III. The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, as extended by Clause II of this Order shall apply within the whole of the county of Chester to the Kestrel and Heron as if those species were included in the Schedule to that Act.

Other Additions to the Schedule of the Act of 1880.

IV. The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, as extended by Clause II of this Order, shall apply within the area named in Clause XI of this Order to the following species of Wild Birds as if those species were included in the Schedule to the Act :—

Red-backed Shrike, Whinchat, Spotted Flycatcher, Sedge Warbler, Blackcap Warbler, Grasshopper Warbler, Wood Warbler, Garden Warbler, Missel Thrush, Common Bunting, Reed Bunting, Goldfinch, Wheatear, Chiffchaff, Golden-crested Wren, Yellow Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, Water Wagtail, Skylark, and Titlark.

All Birds Protected during the Whole of the Year Within a Certain Area.

V. During that period of the year to which the protection afforded by the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880 (as extended by Clause II of this Order) does not apply, the killing or taking of Wild Birds is prohibited within the area named in Clause XI of this Order.

Additional Protection for the Gull and Tern.

VI. During that period of the year to which the protection afforded by the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880 (as extended by Clause II of this Order) does not apply, the killing or taking of the Gull and Tern is prohibited throughout the County of Chester.

Certain Districts Exempted from the Operation of Clause VI.

VII. I hereby exempt from the operation of Clause VI of this Order so much of the County of Chester as does not lie within the parishes of Puddington, Burton, Ness, Neston-cum-Parkgate, Gayton, Heswall - cum - Oldfield, Thurstaston, Caldy, Hoylake - cum - West Kirby, Wallasey, Lower Bebington, Bromborough, Eastham, Hooton, Netherpool, Whitby, Stanlow, Ince, Great Stanney, Frodsham Lordship, Weston, Runcorn, Halton, Norton, Moore, Acton Grange, Walton Inferior, including therein so much of the estuaries of the Rivers Dee and Mersey as lies within the Administrative County of Chester.

Certain Birds protected during the whole of the Year.

VIII. During that period of the year to which the protection afforded by "The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880" (as extended by Clause II of this Order), does not apply, the killing or taking of the following species of Wild Birds is prohibited throughout the County of Chester :—

Kingfisher, Great Crested Grebe, Heron, Goldfinch, Owl, Siskin, Twite, Brown Linnet, Lesser Redpoll, Green Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Bittern,

Shoveller Duck, Little Grebe or Dabchick, Goat Sucker or Nightjar.

EGGS.

Certain Eggs protected throughout the County.

IX. The taking or destroying of the Eggs of the following species of Wild Birds is prohibited throughout the County of Chester :—

Owl, Bittern, Kingfisher, Kestrel, Heron, Sheldrake, Dunlin, Blackheaded Gull, Common Tern, Oyster Catcher, Shrike, Hawfinch, Twite, Green Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Little Grebe or Dabchick, Great Crested Grebe, Redshank, Sandpiper, Goat Sucker or Nightjar.

All Eggs Protected within a Certain Area.

X. The taking or destroying of the eggs of any species of Wild Bird is prohibited within the area named in Clause XI for a period of five years from the date of this Order.

Market Garden Lands exempted from the operation of this Order.

XI. And I make the following further Order, which shall apply within the portion of the hundred of Wirral, coloured pink on the maps deposited in the Home Office and in the office of the County Council, and embracing the low-lying lands and sandhills situate between the estuaries of the Rivers Dee and Mersey, of which the boundaries shall commence to the south at a point of the main highway of the county of Chester 200 yards to the west of the Dock Cottages near "Docks" Railway Station of the Wirral Railway, run along the main highway to Bidston Village, and then turn in a northerly direction and run to Bidston Railway Station of the same railway, then turn in a westerly direction and run along the Wirral Railway until it reaches the Meols Station of such railway, then run along the highway near to the Meols Railway Station in a northerly direction to the Irish Sea, then on the north along the margin of high-water mark of the Irish Sea to a point at New Brighton where the Yellow Noses joins the said Irish Sea, and then run in a southerly direction to "Warren Drive" or road, and along "Warren Drive" to the most northerly house and grounds on the west side of such drive, then along the western boundary of the houses and premises situate along the western side of such drive or road to a point 100 yards or so from Grove-road, then turning in a westerly direction along the northern boundaries of the houses and premises in Grove-road, Wallasey, until it reaches the Wirral Railway, then turning in a southerly direction along the Wirral Railway until it reaches the Wallasey Marsh, then along the edge of the marsh in a southerly direction until it reaches the Poulton Halfpenny Bridge, then turning in a westerly direction on the edge of the said marsh until it reaches along the edge of the marsh the main highway leading from Poulton to Meols; such parts within the aforesaid boundaries as are market-garden lands and are not coloured in the said maps are excepted from the operation of this Order.

Repeal of former Order.

XII. The Order of the 15th February, 1898, is hereby repealed.

Given under my hand at Whitehall this 29th day of March, 1901.

Chas. T. Ritchie,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries
of State.