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SOURCE OF WILD • DUCKS

RAISED • IN MARSHES OF CANADA

About 75 per cent. of North America's wild duck supply is hatched and raised each year in Canada. In the sloughs and marshes of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and in a small portion of the Northwest Territories the principal hatching grounds are located, and any adverse condition in this area affects the wild duck supply of the whole continent.

—Unprecedented weather conditions in parts of the prairie provinces during 1931 greatly curtailed the ordinary supply of this very attractive game bird. Conditions were considered so serious that in the United States as well as in Canada the open season for duck shooting was shortened and the fear existed that the wild duck was actually in danger of extermination.

Reports this year from waterfowl observers in the prairie provinces indicate an improvement in breeding conditions although it may take some years for the supply of waterfowl to reach its former abundance. Cooperation by sportsmen and by legislative means in the United States and in Canada is the most important factor in maintaining the supply of wild ducks.