

Town Clerk or Road Board Secretary. They will always be glad to see you and will generally be found to be the fountain-head of local information.

Keep these points in mind when on night patrol -

- (1) Oars and rowlocks to be effectively muffled;
- (2) Smoking is taboo. The glow of a cigarette can be seen for long distances at night, and the smell of tobacco smoke carries a long way;
- (3) A grapnel is a must for night patrols. Only by this means can you locate sunk nets or nets the corks of which have been forced under the surface by the current or tide;
- (4) Torches should be used judiciously. Never flash yours unless absolutely necessary;
- (5) If alone row by "pushing" the boat, so that you can see where you are heading. Even if two men are present one rowing is usually sufficient - if both row the speed of the boat is stepped up to such an extent that the patrol loses most of its efficiency and usefulness;
- (6) Always keep in mind the fact that the moon, or street, shop or house lights, or the like, can disclose your presence. Keep close inshore and as well hidden as possible;
- (7) Use a car with discretion. Rushing here and there at night seldom gets results, although mobility, i.e., the ability to move quickly from vantage point to vantage point, is a prerequisite of all inspectors, and sets the poacher thinking.

#### WILD DUCKS

Following on an American idea, the Department is trying, through the co-operation of the Gun Clubs, to secure information which will lead to a reasonable estimate of the wild duck population of the State.

Gun Club members and prominent duck shooters will be asked to complete a score card indicating the number of banded and other ducks bagged, the number crippled, and the locality in each case, and also whether more ducks were taken this season than last season.

Reports as received will be tabulated into an informative statistical statement and together with reports from Honorary Wardens and Departmental Inspectors provide a good measure of information on which to base reasonable regulations for conservation and rational taking.

All inspectors are requested to endeavour to sell the idea of sportsmen co-operating with the Department to obtain any information likely to secure these objects. It would assist also in mileage economy. if inspectors would advise this office of any authentic reports on duck congregations in their areas where duck banding operations could be profitably pursued. Where desired cards will be made available to inspectors for distribution.