

Late in the evening of the twelfth, a call was sent in to the office of the Toronto Humane Society from the western part of the city stating that a Loon-like bird had been picked up alive from the street. Shortly after, another call from the eastern part of the city referred to a similar find. By mid-afternoon of the thirteenth, twenty-six more live birds had been gathered in by the Inspectors or brought in by citizens from various parts of the city. Also two had been reported killed by motor cars and one other was found dead, the cause of death not being reported. By December 15, six more live birds had been gathered in, making a total of thirty-seven found at Toronto.

One can but conjecture as to the number of Grebes in the flight but it is evident that it was wide-spread and that numbers passed safely over the city. Several individuals were noted along the Toronto water-front, on December 14, by local observers and a specimen was reported in a local paper as having been captured at Brantford, fifty-five miles southwest of Toronto.

It would seem evident from the number of birds picked up alive and uninjured in Toronto that the birds came to rest on the city streets voluntarily. Only two were reported as being found in "back yards". Such circumstances give rise to the theory that the Grebes, travelling in a loose company, over a wide area, were perhaps attracted by the lights of the city and from their elevation mistook the icy pavements below for water. Having alighted they were unable to take wing because of their well known handicap on solid surfaces.

Twenty-seven of these birds were banded on the afternoon of December 16 and were liberated on the open water of Toronto Bay. They swam away contentedly from their liberators, preening themselves and otherwise behaving in a normal way. Only one Holboell's Grebe has since been seen (to December 31) on Toronto Bay and it is presumed that the liberated birds and those which reached the open water on the night of the flight have survived and left the vicinity.—L. L. SNYDER, *Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, Toronto.*

**Holboell's Grebe in Pennsylvania.**—On February 26, 1930, during a storm with strong northeast winds, a Holboell's Grebe (*Colymbus holboelli*) visited the Maiden creek Dam near Reading. It remained until the following day and was studied at leisure by Byron Nunemacher and myself. Most of the time it rode the choppy waters with its bill buried in the feathers of its back, but would occasionally raise its head and look about in the reptilian manner peculiar to its kind. This is the second definite county record, the last having been noted March 21, 1923.

Pine Grosbeaks were also seen locally on January 1 (2), January 2 (9), January 12 (12), and February 2 (2), and Evening Grosbeaks on January 1, January 5, January 25 and February 9, (one on each occasion), and a Red-bellied Woodpecker was found near Friedensburg on January 10.—EARL L. POOLE, *Reading Public Museum, Reading, Pa.*