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WHAT I SAW ALONG THE PIPE LINE

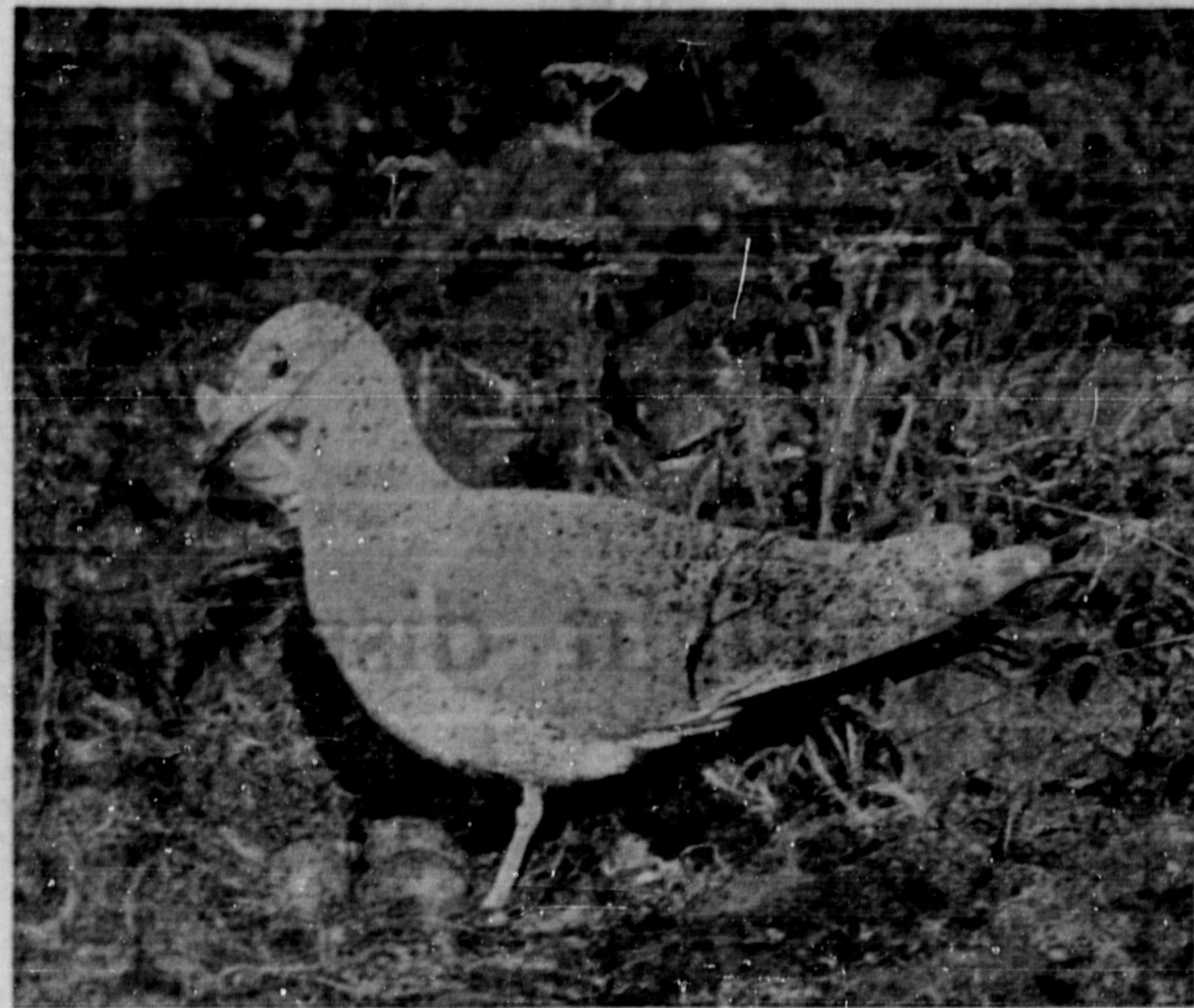
Number of Birds Were Out Sunning Themselves, While Just One Attempted a Song; Bluejay Was Curious, But When He Spoke the Rambler Moved on. — by Fritz.

It was Sunday and I was out for a ramble. Seeing a plank walk branching off Eleventh Avenue I followed it and, as soon as I arrived on the hill, I noticed a number of birds in the treetops. They resembled robins but were perhaps a little larger and different. I came to the conclusion that they were varied thrushes and were out there feeding on the berries. Later they will go south and find berries at other places where it is rather warmer and not so much danger of snow.

The Blue Jay.

Along the creek at the bottom a blue jay came out to look at me. He was a fine looking chap with his gaudy blue feather coat and

GULLS THAT FREQUENT THE HARBOR



The above picture was taken on Bare Island in the Gulf of Georgia. It shows one of the common gulls of the coast, the Glaucous Winged Gull, stepping on to its nest.

the plume on his head. He came almost within reach of my walking stick but I would not have struck him for the world, he looked so beautiful. Then after he had watched me awhile he opened his bill and I moved on. He reminded me of some of the girls at the cabarets that under their paint and powder look almost beautiful, but the moment they begin to sing it is a notice to move on. The voice of the jay is raucous and unpleasant. This fellow followed me almost all the way to the end of the walk, but happily he did not talk much. He just fluttered around, and near the end of the walk was joined by a companion.

Jays are very curious. They always "want to know, don't you know." They run great risks in order to satisfy this curiosity, but as they are innocent creatures, not many people take advantage of them. Now and then a boy with more energy than brains throws a stone at one, but the jay soon detects danger of that sort.

Sparrows and Thrushes.

They were a number of other birds, some of which came out to look at me and others of which slunk away into the bushes. For instance, the fox sparrow was rather curious and hopped out on to the side of the walk and investigated before again seeking refuge in the bushes. The little thrushes, perhaps hermit thrushes or else russetbacked, did not stop to look but were away before there was a chance to get acquainted.

The juncos with their nobby black heads were seen a good many times and they were very friendly, but the chickadees and some other birds that were too far away to identify kept pretty well to the tree tops. Once a little western winter wren hopped out on to the edge of the bushes and pretended not to notice me, yet at the same time taking a sly peep in my direction as he pecked at some buds. That is a little habit the wren has. He hardly ever lets you know that he sees you, but all the time he is watching you carefully.

Bird Song and Beauty.

On the way home a short bird song in the bushes by Hays Creek the first I had heard for some time in Prince Rupert, was that of a Sooty Song Sparrow that had forgotten it was not spring. As I watched and listened a kingfisher came leaping along under the bridge and alighted on a bough some little way up the stream and watched for an opportunity to pounce on a fish beneath. Suddenly he dived and up came a shiny little trout in his bill. Perhaps it was not a trout, but "trout" sounds well. I am afraid

I hardly know a trout from a mackerel.

There are numbers of other birds to be seen around the town-site but these were just a few that I happened to notice on this three hour stroll.

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