

birds, such as chickens, ducks, geese, guinea fowl, pea fowl, pigeons, or canaries; for parrots (including cockatoos, lovebirds, macaws, and parakeets); or for natural history specimens for museums or scientific collections. Permits must be obtained for all wild species of pigeons and ducks.

In the case of ruminants (including deer, elk, moose, antelopes, and also camels and llamas), permits will be issued, as heretofore, in the form prescribed for importation of domesticated animals.

The introduction of the English or European house sparrow, the starling, the fruit bat or flying fox, and the mongoose, known also as the ichneumon or Pharaoh's rat, *is absolutely prohibited, and permits for their importation will not be issued under any circumstances.*

Under the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, in case of doubt as to whether animals or birds belong to the prohibited species, or suspicion on the part of the collector of customs that such species are being entered under other names, the shipment will be held, at the risk and expense of the importer, pending the receipt of special instructions from the Department of Agriculture, or until examined at the expense of the importer by a special inspector designated by the Secretary of Agriculture and the identity established to the satisfaction of the collector.

Special inspectors will be designated at the ports of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, New Orleans and San Francisco, who will examine shipments at the request of the owner or agent, or who may be consulted in case of misunderstanding between owners and officers of the customs. These inspectors are to be designated merely for the convenience of importers, and owners or agents are under no obligations to employ them, but the identity of the species must be established to the satisfaction of collectors, and in case of refusal or neglect, or failure to obtain the permit within the specified time, delivery of the property will be refused and immediate exportation required.

The deliberate shipment of starlings or English sparrows from one State to another is now a violation of law and renders the shipper and carrier liable to the penalties provided in the Act.

The attention of sportsmen, commission merchants, shippers, and express agents is especially called to the sections which make it unlawful to ship from one State to another animals or birds which have been killed or captured in violation of local laws, and which require all packages containing animals or birds to be plainly marked so that the name and address of the shipper and the nature of the contents may be ascertained by inspection of the outside of such packages.

MONUMENT TO PROFESSOR BAIRD.

At the annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society held at Woods Holl, July 18-20, Dr. H. M. Smith, of the U. S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries, spoke of the appropriateness of the Society erecting at Woods Holl a memorial to the late Professor Spencer F. Baird, and presented the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The American Fisheries Society, assembled at Woods Holl, Mass., regards as desirable and proper the erection of a tablet or monument to the memory of the late Professor Spencer F. Baird, in recognition of his distinguished labors in behalf of fish-culture, the fisheries and biological science; and

WHEREAS, The Society deems it appropriate that this memorial should be located at Woods Holl, as a special tribute to his zeal in furthering the interests of marine biology and fish-culture; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee with full powers be appointed by the chair to determine the most suitable form of the memorial, to raise the necessary funds, and to proceed with the erection of the monument.

Resolved, That the committee notify the surviving members of Professor Baird's family of the proposed action, and invite their suggestions thereon.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the U. S. Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries.

The following committee was appointed, pursuant to the foregoing resolutions: Dr. H. M. Smith (Chairman), Washington, D. C.; Hon. E. G. Blackford, N. Y.; Dr. E. W. Blatchford, Ills.; Hon. George M. Bowers, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Frank N. Clark, Mich.; Mr. Vinal N. Edwards, Mass.; Dr. Bushrod W. James, Penna.; Hon. George F. Peabody, Wis.; Hon. Redfield Proctor, Vt.; Mr. W. de C. Ravenel, Washington, D. C.