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JAIL SENTENCE FOR GAME LAW VIOLATOR.

For violating the provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act in shipping grouse, quail, and woodcock from Blackstone, Mass., billed to New York City, a Connecticut offender has been sentenced to a term of three months in jail by the Federal court in Connecticut. This offender had been a source of trouble to both State and Federal game officials for a number of years and was finally arrested at New Haven, Conn., where the consignment was seized on November 24 by the State Superintendent of the Board of Fisheries and Game of Connecticut. The consignment was first discovered and reported to the Bureau of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, and to the game officials of Connecticut, by the State Commissioner of Birds of Rhode Island. The shipment of birds in question was in violation of the laws of Connecticut, but inasmuch as it was also in violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the case was referred to Federal authorities for prosecution in the Federal court, with the result above stated. The vigorous measures thus taken in the enforcement of the laws protecting wild life will probably have a very wholesome effect in tending to prevent violations of the law in the future.

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