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W. T. COX TO HEAD BRAZILIAN
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Ray C. Steele Will Succeed Him as
Superintendent of Upper Mis-
sissippi Wild Life Refuge

The resignation of Wm.T. Cox as superintendent of the Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge to accept appointment with the Government of Brazil for the purpose of organizing a national Forest Service for that country, has been announced by Paul G. Redington, chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. Mr. Cox will probably assume his new responsibilities about July 1, when he will be succeeded as superintendent of the Upper Mississippi Refuge by Ray C. Steele, at present game protector of the Biological Survey, with headquarters at Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Cox has long been identified with the conservation work of both Federal and State Governments, having entered the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, in 1901, where he served in various capacities of increasing responsibility until 1911, when he resigned the position of assistant forester to become State Forester of Minnesota. In 1924 he left this position to engage in private forest practice as consulting forester and forest engineer, but the next year was again called to the Federal Service in the capacity of superintendent of the Upper Mississippi Wild Life Refuge, administered by the Biological Survey, with headquarters at Winona, Minn. During his superintendency the first steps were taken to organize the refuge, which will extend about 300 miles on both sides of the Mississippi in the States of Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois, and title to a large part of the area intended for inclusion within its borders is now vested in the Department of Agriculture.

In announcing the forthcoming changes in administration of the refuge,

Mr. Redington stated that Mr. Cox's extensive experience not only as a forester but also as a naturalist and administrator eminently qualifies him for his new work under the Brazilian Government, where organized forestry will be so important because of the vast area concerned and the wealth of timber in its tropical forests. Mr. Cox is the author of a number of published articles on forestry, drainage, and wild-life conservation.

Ray C. Steele comes to his new duties as Superintendent of the Upper Mississippi Wild Life Refuge, said Mr. Redington, with an extensive acquaintance with wild life and a keen interest in the conservation of both birds and mammals. He is a native of Missouri and received his early education in the public and business schools of Waitsburg, Wash. In 1917 he enlisted for military duty and served through the World War. His first appointment with the Biological Survey was on February 9, 1920, when he was made U. S. game protector with headquarters first at Seattle and later at Portland, Oreg., his district including the entire State of Oregon and that part of Washington west of the Cascade Mountains.

As a representative of the Biological Survey in the Northwest, Mr. Steele's duties have included the enforcement of the Migratory Bird Treaty and Lacey Acts and considerable supervisory work in connection with the bird refuges under the jurisdiction of the Biological Survey in that region. He has been highly successful in enlisting the cooperation of State officials, sportsmen's organizations, and individuals with the Biological Survey, and in creating local respect for the game laws administered by the Survey. He has carried on numerous investigations also at points in Oregon and California where a malady among wild ducks has been prevalent, and has represented the Alaska Game Commission at the port of Seattle in the enforcement of the law and regulations pertaining to the importation of land fur-bearing animals of that Territory. This work was carried on coincidentally with that of his duties as U. S. game protector.

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