



RECORD BAGS AND SHOOTING RECORDS

*TOGETHER WITH SOME ACCOUNT
OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE
SPORTING-GUN, MARKSMANSHIP AND
THE SPEED AND WEIGHT OF BIRDS*

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other gentlemen, killed in one day, in Germany [possibly this should be Austria for Prince Lichtenstein was, of course, an Austrian] during fourteen hours' shooting, 39,000 pieces of Game; it was of all sorts, but chiefly Hares and Partridges.* It is perhaps worthy of note that in 1753, twenty-three shooters—among whom the Emperor of Austria and Her Imperial Highness the Princess Charlotte were included—killed, in the course of twenty days' shooting in Bohemia, 47,950 head, of which 18,273 were Hares, 19,545 Partridges and 9,499 Pheasants.†

It has been stated in print‡ that the amount of Game shot in Great Britain in 1912 was fifteen times what it was in 1860; personally I regard this estimate as considerably below the mark. The largest bags of Game made in one day in this country have already been given specifically so that it seems redundant to recapitulate them here; probably the Rabbit day at Blenheim (see p. 121) represents the largest bag killed in a day in Great Britain. The "game-books" kept on certain sporting estates, or belonging to some of our first-class shots, probably contain other totals of vast magnitude.

In 1896 the Schultze Gunpowder Company

* Rev. W. B. Daniel: "Rural Sports": Vol. III. 1812: p. 88.

† "Badminton Library: Shooting, Field and Covert": 1887: pp. 14/15.

‡ Lady Dorothy Nevill: "My Own Times": 1912: p. 9.

GAME KILLED BY MARQUIS OF RIPON **FROM 1867 TO 1913.**

DATE	RHINOCEROS	TIGER	BUFFALO	SAMBAR	PIG	DEER	RED DEER	GROUSE	PARTRIDGES	PHEASANTS	WOODCOCK	SNIBE	WILD DUCK	BLACK GAME	CAPERCAZIE	HARES	RABBITS	VARIOUS	TOTAL
1867							8	265	1,179	741	20	22	10			719	934	115	4,013
1868							35	201	1,418	1,601	28	67	23			690	543	113	4,719
1869							35	135	1,659	1,431	26	133	37			547	443	122	4,568
1870							21	498	2,309	2,117	36	53	30			833	626	137	6,660
1871							55	1,408	1,598	1,859	50	244	42			1,093	341	225	6,945
1872							38	1,498	2,083	2,835	27	60	31			1,108	756	235	8,671
1873							25	248	2,417	3,050	95	263	85			1,027	450	591	8,251
1874						3	5	90	2,878	2,345	229	462	131	5	4	1,200	302	1,200	8,854
1875							3	287	2,882	3,225	176	461	208			1,376	576	743	9,937
1876							3	1,554	3,394	4,110	30	25	37			1,248	890	266	11,557
1877						2	4	2,042	2,359	4,235	35	45	33	11	11	1,496	1,044	309	11,616
1878						4	9	1,669	3,378	4,679	43	44	55	5	6	2,152	667	503	13,214
1879							4	1,344	630	3,140	132	92	62	9	11	1,125	287	215	7,051
1880		9	6	18	31	73	12	1,131	682	531	9	47	54	26	5	501	141	408	3,684
1881							5	1,566	3,465	5,014	26	14	43			1,058	791	166	12,148
1882	2	2	6	1	66	104	10	3,025	2,123	2,370	14	21	44			404	1,122	117	9,491
1883							5	2,896	1,845	6,119	157	84	155			918	1,386	319	13,884
1884							10	3,073	3,523	4,447	134	70	70			713	1,696	453	14,289
1885							5	2,015	2,788	4,620	104	23	31			589	2,547	108	12,830
1886							20	1,989	1,463	3,383	105	87	72			357	786	349	8,611
1887							57	2,258	3,785	3,387	104	3	12			415	2,328	237	12,586
1888							4	3,060	853	5,072	31	151	10			307	1,523	85	11,096
1889							5	3,081	5,751	6,182	100	109	14	38	8	1,747	1,069	135	18,239
1890								2,006	7,002	6,498	172	105	28			1,416	1,120	123	18,500
1891								2,277	1,699	5,794	34	13				711	406	271	11,205
1892							1	1,412	6,784	5,580	7	10	5			453	1,233	281	15,766
1893								2,611	8,732	5,760	66	7	42			837	914	166	19,135
1894							1	2,567	7,261	5,034	76	7	12			935	580	222	16,695
1895							1	1,272	3,461	6,101	11	13	17			352	1,040	210	12,478
1896								2,649	2,613	8,514	13	11	4			814	557	177	14,852
1897							1	2,797	1,914	7,850	67	10	47			358	828	152	14,024
1898								1,693	1,200	3,432	18	3	6			169	298	144	6,963
1899								820	1,309	4,605	19	2	57			205	609	137	7,763
1900								1,033	1,322	6,762	24	8	95			223	819	141	10,427
1901								2,037	1,991	8,478	8	11	141			262	695	114	13,637
1902								1,706	1,701	4,998	11	3	166			268	479	280	9,612
1903								1,890	462	4,709	16	3	213			206	647	111	8,257
1904								1,355	1,794	5,032	17	13	127			186	173	114	8,811
1905								1,636	2,292	6,939	15	11	111			238	582	206	12,030
1906								2,179	2,019	8,647	22	12	268			230	416	212	14,005
1907								1,268	477	4,356	15	7	111			88	152	144	6,648
1908								1,523	364	5,764	29	9	109			159	183	176	8,316
1909								2,036	653	6,374	25	15	115			155	195	195	9,763
1910								1,923	770	6,115	24	12	155			150	89	234	9,472
1911								2,036	978	6,463	23	5	59			158	143	191	10,056
1912								1,810	518	7,539	18	1	103			251	409	45	10,694
1913								1,461	820	5,179	13	11	172			243	203	131	8,233
2	11	12	19	97	186	382	79320	112598	222976	2454	2882	3452	94	45	30280	34118	11328	500256	

published a "Record of Game killed by Earl de Grey [now Marquis of Ripon] from 1867 to 1895": this record gave a total of 316,699 head ranging from Rhinoceros to Snipe, and included 111,190 Pheasants, 89,401 Partridges and 47,468 Grouse. Lord Ripon has very kindly sent me a list of Game killed by him from 1867 to 1913; ignoring figures below 10,000 this shows 79,320 Grouse; 112,598 Partridges, 222,976 Pheasants; 30,280 Hares; 34,118 Rabbits; 11,328 Various and a total of 500,256: Lord Ripon informs me that since 1913 he has killed some 50,000 head but he has given up keeping a detailed list.*

The personal bag made up to the end of 1910, by Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany (*b.* 27th January 1859) is of interest, if not on account of its variety and magnitude, because of the personality of The Maker:—

1,880 Stags	6 Bison	2 Snipe [shot
90 Hinds	3 Reindeer	at Sandring-
1,768 Fallow Buck	6 Badgers	ham]
98 Does	1 Marten	87 Ducks
3,392 Wild Boars	108 Capercaillie	2 Guinea Fowl
931 Roe Buck	24 Blackcock	826 Cormorants,
17,963 Hares	3 Wild Turkey	Heron, etc.
2,447 Rabbits	33,637 Pheasants	1 Whale
121 Chamois	856 Partridges	1 Pike
439 Foxes	95 Grouse	516 Various
3 Bears	4 Woodcock	
12 Elk		<hr/> 65,322 Total.† <hr/>

* Lord R. *in litt.* 12th June 1922.

† "The Field": 14th January 1911: p. 69.