

**SHORTER NOTICES**

REPORTS OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1952. Her Majesty's Stationery Office, London. 1s. 3d.

On 29th March, 1949, a Royal Charter constituted the Nature Conservancy—

“ to provide scientific advice on the conservation and control of the natural flora and fauna of Great Britain ; to establish, maintain, and manage nature reserves in Great Britain, including the maintenance of physical features of scientific interest ; and to organize and develop the scientific services related thereto.”

This report tells how the Nature Conservancy has set about these tasks.

Many questions have been asked the Conservancy ; about places suitable as reserves, about the control and preservation of animals and about conditions in the countryside generally.

Among other problems briefly mentioned in the report are the effect of the possible elimination of the rabbit, the introduction of reindeer into Scotland, the protection of sand-dunes at Braunton from wind erosion due to military training and the use of chemical sprays in the control of roadside vegetation.

The work of the Conservancy has included the survey of the red deer population of the Highlands of Scotland which is being directed by Dr. F. F. Darling and the giving of financial aid towards the inquiry into the natural history of the otter. A number of nature reserves have been set up. The Nature Conservancy is a subscribing member of the International Union for the Protection of Nature.

**ROYAL NATIONAL PARKS OF KENYA, REPORT FOR 1952.**

This annual report maintains its previous quality. In the first part the trustees describe the general position of wild life in Kenya, insisting once again upon the necessity of preserving the national reserves as well as the national parks intact. In the second part the director describes the situation in each reserve and park.

Twelve copies of this report have been presented to the Society. They are for sale at 5s. each.

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