

THE BLACK SQUIRREL.

A black squirrel, in excellent condition, was shot on the farm of J. A. Simpson, Esq., Coteau, on the 13th January. It is said that this animal has not been seen in the neighborhood of the Coteau for years past. Another specimen, the gray variety, was shot on the 6th concession, Roxton Falls, on the 10th of January, by J. I. Newport, Esq., of this city. Although it leaves its hiding place on fine winter days in Western Canada, it is not fond of cold, and it seems strange that it should be abroad when the thermometer was so low.

PROPER NAMES.

“*Capture.*—M. Fraser a attrapé hier une magnifique poule de prairies, sur la côte du Beaver Hall. Il est très rare de voir cet oiseau au Canada à cette saison de l'année. Il disparaît généralement vers le 20 novembre.”

The above is from *Le Nouveau Monde*. The bird referred to is the Woodcock, the capture of which we noticed to in our January number. The Prairie Hen (*Cupidonia Cupido*) is a Grouse, and does not occur in this Province.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

GAME IN SEASON—FEBRUARY.

Ruffed and Spruce Grouse; Ptarmigan; Wild Geese and Wild Ducks.

FISH IN SEASON—FEBRUARY.

Whitefish, Salmon, Trout, Lake Trout, Brook Trout, Bass, Doré, Maskilongé.

CANADIAN FISHERY LEASES.

A numerous signed petition by the inhabitants residing on the banks of the Rivers Restigouche and Metapedia has been presented to the Minister of Fisheries through Mr Beauchesne, M.P. for Bonaventure. The petition sets forth that at Confederation, the Federal Government assumed the right of leasing the inland rivers for angling. This assumption on the part of the Government, carrying with it many hardships to be borne by the settlers,

has been declared by the Courts of Justice to be illegal; the inhabitants therefore petition the Government not to renew the leases which have expired with 1880, nor to issue new ones. They point out that they have waited patiently for justice at the hands of the Department of Fisheries: at the same time they insist on their legal rights and refuse to acknowledge (as the law is at present) the leases granted by the Federal Government.

BUCKLAND'S MUSEUM.

The late Mr. Francis T. Buckland, Editor of *Land and Water*, has bequeathed his valuable Museum of Economic Fish Culture to England, and on the decease of Mrs. Buckland, a sum of £5,000 will revert to the nation to be applied for the purpose of founding a Professorship of Economic Pisciculture in connection with the Buckland Museum, and the Science and Art Department at South Kensington, London.

FISH AND GAME PROTECTION CLUB FOR THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

This Club held their annual meeting on Saturday, January 15, R. H. Kilby, Esq., President.

The following report was read by the Acting Secretary, J. H. Mathews, Esq.:

In March and April several seizures of game were made and the offenders fined; the large quantity of game thus confiscated (over a ton weight) was distributed among the charitable institutions of the city. Seizures were also made from three other parties. Through information given by the Club a great number of nets were confiscated during the past summer, principally round Vaudreuil, where no less than 17 were captured. During the last session of the Quebec Parliament, your Committee, in co-operation with the Sherbrooke Club, made a vigorous attempt to have the present Game Law so amended as to do away with the spring shooting of ducks and other wild fowl which come to breed on our rivers and lakes, and a committee was named, consisting of Judge Coursol, M.P., E. Monk and R. Stephens, to proceed to Quebec to watch our interests. Unfortunately, the amendment was not brought up until the last day of the session, when most