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The success attending the publication of ROD AND GUN has more than met the anticipations of its publishers. Not only has the paper been warmly welcomed by the press, but encouraging letters from numerous sportsmen, containing tangible evidences of appreciation, have been received. The June number of 5,000 copies is almost exhausted, and so great is the demand that the present issue will be 10,000.

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## LEAGUE OF CANADIAN SPORTSMEN.

We are much pleased at the expressions of opinion in favor of a League of Canadian Sportsmen brought out by the suggestion in our first issue from our correspondent, "Bob White," and on which we commented in the same number. Extreme pressure on our space prevents publication of the letters, but sufficient preliminary interest has been shown to indicate that the idea of a Dominion organization devoted to the protection of game has been well received generally, and it only needs energetic work to push the scheme to success. We publish in another page a portion of the Constitution of the League of American Sportsmen, with the idea of showing clearly the scope of that organization.

There are points in it which we believe are not suitable, at least at the present time, to Canada, whose game and fish resources, especially the latter, are not in such a woeful state of depletion as to render it necessary, for example, to absolutely prohibit the sale of either; on the contrary, we have in most instances an abundance, and for the present we would not counsel extreme measures; but, looking towards the future, when our resources shall have been exploited and the corresponding increase will have occurred of visiting sportsmen, we believe in the preparation and enforcement now of wise measures, suited to our needs, and in the establishing of a League of Canadian Sportsmen we can very cheerfully profit by the experience and excellent good sense of our southern neighbors whose organization has accomplished and will do genuine good.

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## ONTARIO'S NEW FISHING REGULATIONS.

Ontario has just issued another set of fishery regulation among the more important of which are several specifying weights, sizes and numbers that may be caught of trout, bass, etc. One interesting rule prohibits catching, taking or killing sturgeon, by any means, without a license. The catching of large or small mouthed black bass for sale or barter is, we are pleased to note, prohibited from December 1st to April 15th, and this, added to the close season of April 15th to June 15th, stops that kind of traffic for a fairly long period each year.

Stress is laid on the liberty of bona-fide settlers, residing within five miles of the place where such fish are caught, to catch a reasonable (specified) number in any one day for domestic use of themselves and families—a liberty we hope which will be watched carefully and, if abused, further restricted if not abolished entirely.

One-day catches by any person are limited to twelve black or Oswego or

large mouthed bass, twenty green bass, twenty pickerel or four maskinonge or a greater number of speckled or brook trout than in the aggregate weighing more than fifteen pounds and no greater number than fifty speckled or brook trout, even if total weighs less than fifteen pounds.

Non-residents are prohibited from catching each in one day more than ten lake trout, any of which exceeds three pounds, or more than twenty pounds in all if weighing less than three pounds each.

Minimum sizes and weights which may be caught are bass, ten inches; speckled trout, six inches; pickerel, twelve inches; maskinonge, fifteen inches; salmon trout, lake trout or white fish, two pounds each; sturgeon ten pounds; fish caught under these sizes and weights must be returned immediately to the water, and as far as possible uninjured.

These regulations go a considerable distance in the right direction, but a needed addition is a provision against waste. A party of say four canoeing in the wilds could not eat all the fish if each caught his limit, and it is unfortunately true that many cases of thoughtless waste occur. Every game law maker should impress on the people as rule number one "Don't catch or kill more than you can use. Don't allow good fish or meat to rot." True sportsmen follow this rule—they are built that way.

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An excellent addition to the easily obtainable comforts of a fishing trip these hot summer days is a common, wide, coarse-fibred, country straw hat of the variety frequently known as a "cow's breakfast." It is cheap, durable, cool and comfortable, equally good for rain or shine, for pushing upward the middle of the crown results in a covering impervious to rain. We speak advisedly, having been converted some years ago, experience since amply demonstrating both its rain-proof and sun-proof qualities.