

of a single section; but when in the game country denounce the game laws as tyrannical and harsh, merely for the sake of getting a slight advantage over a political opponent or catching a few wavering votes.

A member of parliament is quite within his rights in denouncing any law either in the House or out of it. But he is playing the demagogue when he denounces a measure which he himself assisted in passing.

But notwithstanding the fact that the game laws are held in supreme contempt by many, game of all kinds are rapidly increasing in numbers. A more healthy tone is steadily gaining ground. The poacher is year by year having less sympathy or encouragement from the public. And the day is not far distant when the person who kills game out of season will be dealt with as promptly and vigorously as a common burglar.

Exception is taken by some to the Province of Ontario exacting a license fee from non-residents. Such argue that they come in here, get their outfit, engage our men at good remuneration for their labor, and pay handsomely for everything they get. Consequently they should not be mulcted in a license fee of \$25 besides.

We agree with them that they individually pay well, and annually distribute a large sum of money in the country. But our game is the property of the whole of the people of Ontario and is as much an asset of the province as anything else, while the cash distributed by our visitors goes into the pockets of the few. Every individual in Ontario contributes his quota towards the protection of the game. This amounts now to a considerable sum each year. It is an outlay which is likely to materially increase in amount annually. It is most desirable that this branch of the public service should be made self supporting if possible, and not become an incumbrance to the general revenue.