

Pacific Yachting

lions, as big as cows, are often seen at play in the surf off the face of the property, and the famous fur seal pass the property a few miles out on their long sea voyages every year. The fisherman is regaled with trout fishing that is not equalled elsewhere in Canada, and with such salmon fishing as cannot be surpassed in the world. Rock cod and other sea fish are caught off the property, and monster crabs may be landed in boat loads.

Space does not permit of anything like a detailed description of the sport to be had on and near the Company's property. The duck alone offer the guns rare sport. There is almost every variety of them, and so thick that in the height of the season one may fire into the air over Nitinat or Surprise Lake and bring down two or three at a shot. The following is an actual list of the game shot by two lads, each about 19 years of age, William Logan and Charles Martin, in the vicinity of the Company's property, between the dates of September 16 and October 1st, 1912. And, it must be considered, these lads spent only a few hours each day at the sport: 11 mallards; 10 pintail; 22 sawbills. 21 grouse; 12 teal; 10 maganzars; 3 widgeon; 1 jack snipe, and 2 bluebills.

In considering this list, it must also be noted that the duck season was just commencing, that the duck were coming in slowly and that several varieties, such as butterballs, canvas-backs, black duck, etc., had not yet shown up.

Big Canada geese and brant geese too, grouse, quail and snipe are plentiful. Fallow deer are present in numbers, and bands of elk frequent the head of Nitinat Lake. There are any number of large wild fowl as well as bald-headed eagles.

As for trout fishing, one man has caught upwards of 200 trout weighing from three-quarters of a pound to a pound and a half, in one day on Surprise Lake. Fifty such trout in two hours have been caught in Cheewhat Lake and River. There are sea trout in plenty and innumerable small, swift, trout streams both on and near the Company's property.