

(c). Indians are exempt from the requirements of section 21b, by which no resident can hunt for or kill any animal or bird, or carry fire-arms, etc., for that purpose, without license. (~~21~~<sup>20</sup>.9).

(d). Under section 34, moreover, Indians and persons in the habit of dealing with Indians in the Northern or North-eastern portion of the province, may be exempted from any of the provisions of the Act by Order-in-Council, and Indians have, accordingly, been duly permitted to trap beaver in the Stikine, Liard and Peace River watersheds, and to sell the pelts.

#### C L O S E S E A S O N .

Section 12 prohibits the hunting and killing, sale and purchase of the animals and game birds mentioned in Schedule B *at* the times therein defined. This section, however, must be read with Sec. 33, whereby all disabilities as to shooting and sale may be removed and open season declared by Order-in-Council in regard to Columbian or Coast deer, duck of all kinds, and snipe and grouse, as defined. The result is a closed season all over British Columbia, unless opened by Order-in-Council, which enables the Government to prevent hunting when game is scarce and to permit it when plentiful.

Regulations are passed annually providing open season for specified game, of which ample notice is given throughout the whole Province. The regulations for the year are not yet settled but a copy of last year's which will be practically unchanged are herewith.