

In an article published elsewhere in this magazine dealing with the fishing on Vancouver Island, reference is made to certain flies which the author recommends. At the time of setting up this article we had not received the flies mentioned. As we go to press, however, a description of them has reached us. The writer says: The standard flies for salmon are the Jock o' Scotts and Silver Doctor, varying in size from 3-0 to 6, and for trout the March Brown, from 7 to 14, according to circumstances. All these patterns are kept in stock, or manufactured, by the local dealers, and specimens may be seen at 34 Victoria street, Victoria.

We are in receipt of one of the handsomest catalogues it has been our good fortune to run across, it having been issued by the J. Stevens Arm & Tool Co., of Chicopee Falls, Mass. In addition to an exhaustive description of the arms made by the company, this pamphlet contains a vast amount of information useful to riflemen. Those of our readers who use the grooved barrel, should certainly write to the Stevens Company for a copy of this little book.

There are plenty of blue grouse in the heavy forests of the coast region in British Columbia, and there is little danger of their ever being thinned out, but it is just as well to make the Indian keep the law, and there is some satisfaction in reading that two Sooke Indians, who were recently caught red-handed with fifty-six blue grouse in their canoe, were fined \$75 each, or thirty days imprisonment. They do things very thoroughly out in the west, and if some of our magistrates here in Quebec would give up handling poachers with gloves and use bare knuckles, as this western justice has done, it would be well with our game.

One of the features of the forthcoming guide book which is being published for gratuitous circulation by the Montreal Business Men's League is an article on fishing and hunting in the Province of Quebec by Dr. W. H. Drummond. The author of "The Habitant" is an ardent fisherman, and indeed fond of all out-

door sport, and his knowledge of the Province specially qualifies him for writing upon the subject. The guide, which will be out of the printer's hands in the course of a couple of weeks, will be sixty-five pages and will be illustrated in half-tones. It is the intention of the League, which is under the auspices of the Montreal Board of Trade, to publish from time to time pamphlets and guides of Canada, the same being circulated free to different portions of the United States and Europe. One of the main objects of the League, which numbers among its members some 350 of Montreal's best known business men, is to stir up interest in Canada and Canadian affairs, and the ardent sportsmen are by no means least among the number.

An Act was passed at the session of the Quebec Legislature authorizing the appointment of a Commission to enquire into matters affecting timber and colonization. The clauses defining the duties of the Commission, in so far as they relate to forestry, are as follows:—

"To make a critical study of the laws and regulations respecting public lands, woods and forests, colonization societies, works and roads, and the protection of settlers, as well as the carrying out of such laws and regulations ;

To enquire into the number and causes of the difficulties between settlers and holders of timber licenses, and to advise upon methods of their prevention and removal ;

To find out what are the sections of the country most suitable for colonization ;

To study the new proposals or systems which may be submitted to it, and, whilst taking into account the financial resources of the province, to recommend those which tend to amend the laws and regulations so as to foster colonization and the development of forest industries."

This is a very important step and one upon which the Government of Quebec deserve congratulations. Such a commission, composed of strong and impartial men, should be able to collate information of the greatest value, and to assist the Government in determining the proper lines upon which the future development of the resources of the province should be directed.