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## SPORTSMEN'S EXPOSITION AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

The first sportsman show of the West occurred in St. Louis, September 11th to Oct. 14th, and for a commencement it merits the success it met with. Unlike similar shows in Boston and New York, it was held as a feature of the annual St. Louis Exposition of Manufactures, and like the late lamented Barnum's shows, "one price admitted to all," hence its drawing power as a money maker from its backers' standpoint is not readily determined. From the view of the sportsman and ordinary citizen there was much of interest. In the game park there was a fine buffalo bull in evidence; near him a number of Virginia deer, a family of elk and a noble headed specimen the bull was; there were coyotes, bears, foxes, raccoons, etc., a youngster of the raccoon family being much admired. The Province of Quebec was well represented by many fine specimens, singly and in groups. British Columbia and Manitoba had also a number of stuffed birds. The exhibits of these three provinces were in charge of Mr. L. O. Armstrong.

The Canadian Pacific Railway exhibit occupied a prominent position, showing on a large canvas, 50x90 feet, the Great Glacier of the Selkirks, which formed

the background of the show. Many handsome glass transparencies were shown of scenes reached by its lines; tastefully arranged birch bark canoes, game specimens, etc. The Indian features of the entertainment consisted of "Winnebagoes" from Northern Wisconsin, who occupied a camp arranged so as to fit in with the mountain scene, and who gave representations of Indian dances and customs. Several tanks of live fish furnished by Tony Faust and by the Missouri State Fish Commission illustrated the resources of Missouri and Illinois waters. Rifle and pistol tournaments were, of course, a prominent feature. In the large tank in the centre, swimming races divided the interest with water polo and other aquatic sports, the Toronto team of water polo players matching Chicago and others.

The trade portion of the show was looked after by the Page Wire Fence Co., Truscott Boat Manufacturing Co., of St. Joseph, Mich., with an exhibit of marine motors and pleasure boats, and the various powder companies, Hazard, DuPont, E. C. Austin, etc. The Simmons Hardware Co., of St. Louis, which, by the way, is said to be the largest hardware house in the United States, acting as the general agent for the south-west of the various Arms Companies, had a large and varied exhibit of rifles, shotguns and revolvers, *et al*, all the principal makers being represented and some of them by very handsome machines. One was inclined to tarry long at this part of the show, for there was much of interest. I was surprised not to see in their collection the Mauser pistol, which, although it looks to me like a bad cross between a toy pistol and a shotgun, is, nevertheless, a remarkable weapon. The sportsmen's show manager, Mr. Frank Gaiennie, feels pleased with his first attempt and will probably do it again. Canada should also be pleased that she has an institution and provinces which look after her interests in this respect so well.

## REMARKABLE REVOLVER SCORE.

On Sept. 20, Dr. Ashley A. Webber, of New York, fired 100 shots at 50 yards on the U. S. Army Elliptical target and made 90 clear bull's-eyes, besides three so close to be practically in the bull's-eye. He used a Smith & Wesson 38 caliber military revolver and Union Metallic cartridges loaded with eight grains of Laflin & Rand sporting rifle smokeless powder. Two weeks before this he placed 49 out of 50 shots in the bull's-eye at 50 yards in a similar target, using six grains smokeless powder, same revolver. A noticeable feature is the use of smokeless powder. Dr. Webber states he has fired this revolver 5,000 times without cleaning it and apparently without loss of accuracy.

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We direct the particular attention of all our readers, but especially of Canadians, to an article on another page entitled "Why don't you go." The writer of it is a well known contributor to magazines and a man after our own heart. He speaks of Canada for an outing place *as it is*. Those who have travelled, if only a little, among our myriad mountains, lakes, streams and forests, and caught the true longing for the wilderness, will echo his wish to live a thousand years that they may know it all.

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In 1900 there will be at least two, probably three or more, sportsmen's shows. Boston will open February 22nd, and, if 1898 was a criterion, will have many interesting features. New York commences March 1st, and will not be behind last March. St. Louis has not indicated its intentions. Chicago we expect to hear from.

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Four canoeists from Montreal recently made the voyage to New York by water. They report it a very pleasant mid-summer trip. But why go South? Quebec province offers an infinite variety of the finest canoe routes of the world, and Northern Ontario is equally good.