

FISH AND GAME CONGRESS

to sacrifice everything to be found in our woods and waters. He spoke of the demagoguery of some people on this subject of fish and game protection and declared that he would never attempt to make capital out of such affairs. The public could be depended upon to recognize who were really working in this matter in their interests. He referred to the condition of affairs he had found at Lake St. John, where despite the thousands of dollars that Mr. Beemer was spending to plant young fish in the waters from his hatchery, a few netters were continuing the work of destruction. He had put an end to this shameful condition of affairs and when he did so, an attempt was made by those who ought to know better, and who were determined to protect the netters if possible, to elicit the sympathy of the populace for them. He had been insulted and attacked in certain newspapers for what he had done, but the papers had been compelled to retract and he was determined to go on in the same way, and to do for other localities what he had done for Lake St. John. He roundly rated those who sought to create dangerous prejudices in this affair by claiming that he was working only for the rich sportsmen, showing these demagogues that the farmers were equally interested with the rich sportsmen in the protection of fish, and that many of them fished with rod and line just as