

that the Black Bass, the game fish *par excellence* of the waters in our immediate vicinity, are year by year diminishing in numbers. A few years ago they could be taken in plenty with the rod very near Lachine, now they are getting scarce even at St. Anns and the Cascades. Whatever the reason of this, deficient protection at the spawning season, netting in the St. Lawrence and Ottawa, or the constantly increasing disturbance of the waters by our constantly increasing trade, all but the last reason is to be regretted; for whether as sport to the disciples of Isaac Walton, or food to the hungry, there are few finer fish in our waters than the bold and agile Bass.

Your Committee have, in conclusion, to congratulate the Club on the large accession to its number since the beginning of the last year, and the interest which has been taken in its objects. The Club now numbers 75 members, and this list can doubtless be much increased, if pecuniary wants should render an access of strength needful. As will be seen by the Treasurer's account

now submitted, there is a balance on hand of \$60.42, and all accounts which have been presented are discharged. All which is, nevertheless respectfully submitted.

A. MURRAY,
Secy.-Treas.

Montreal, March 5, 1864.

It was then moved by Mr. Edmonstone, and seconded by M. Coursol, that the Report be received and adopted. A number of new members were then proposed, and the following Office-bearers elected for the ensuing year:—Henry McKay, President; John Ogilvy, Vice-President; A. Murray, Secretary and Treasurer. Committee—A. Heward, George Horne, L. N. Duvernay, Fredk. Kay, Alfred Rimmer, L. Betournay.

After a vote of thanks to the President and officers for the past year the meeting separated.

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