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GREETING.

"ROD AND GUN IN CANADA" enters the journalistic field with a purpose that is fully implied in its name. The reason for its appearance is easily told.

The fishing and game interests of the Dominion have hitherto had no publication especially devoted to them, and beyond an occasional article in some of the sporting magazines of the United States, and a stray reference in English journals, no tribute is paid to the unlimited wealth Canada possesses in its magnificent water stretches and boundless woodlands. Throughout the vast stretches of country whose countless waters teem with almost every species of fish, whose unbroken forests are the almost undisturbed home of the moose, caribou, elk, bear and big horn, whose sparsely-settled regions abound in feathered and small game, the angler and hunter can experience the full enjoyment of that royal sport which no other land proffers. Its magnificent waterways form the grandest canoe routes in the world. Amongst its 6,000,000 people are many ardent sportsmen—men, and women, too, who delight in the pleasures of the camp and in the invigorating recreation which life out-of-doors affords—to these "ROD AND GUN" confidently appeals, for it will make known to them the best

regions to shoot game and catch fish and indulge in canoeing.

It will also pay a good deal of attention to trap shooting and to the kennel, and in future numbers will devote a fair share of its space to the encouragement of amateur photography. Other features will also be added that, it is hoped, will widen its sphere of usefulness and make it a welcome visitor to the homes of Canadians from Cape Breton to Vancouver Island, and of their cousins across the border and their brothers over the sea.

A number of able writers, some of whom are well known authorities on sporting matters, have already been secured, as their valued contributions in this issue interestingly testify, and others have promised their assistance. With the active co-operation of these good friends and with the unceasing industry and well directed energy of its editors "ROD AND GUN" hopefully anticipates a long, prosperous and useful career in disseminating accurate information about its native land, which will deeply interest the great and ever increasing brotherhood of recreation-seekers the world over, for its publishers believe there is a place for such a paper in Canada and they intend to fill it.

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Fish and Game Protection.

We have been much impressed by the accounts published from time to time, of the work accomplished by the League of American Sportsmen in game protection, which, although a young organization, has developed rapidly and is showing signs of still greater increase in the near future, and we have even heard of an effort to organize a branch of it in Canada, there being a number of Canadian members. While we are heartily in sympathy with our cousins in their good work and hope all Canadian sportsmen on the borders and elsewhere will assist them as much as possible, it does seem to us there is sufficient latent enthusiasm on this side of the line for the protection of game to respond to a call for a league

of Canadian sportsmen, and that the matter may be well understood we shall publish as soon as space will permit, and with the consent of the organization's officers, the constitution and by-laws of the League of American Sportsmen. We want the game and fish of Canada protected, the existing laws enforced, and where wanting, amended. But something more than legal machinery is needed. There must be active co-operation of every man who deserves the name of sportsman. The press can wield a great influence and can do a great deal in assisting in this good work by creating a public sentiment in its favor. It is needed greatly. The legislator can be educated to see that there is money to Canada in it; that not merely the gratification of the sporting instincts of a few is sought, but the enrichment of the country as well. If it is good business for the great State of Maine to concern itself with these matters to the extent of reducing them to an almost exact science and thereby secure the expenditure of \$1,000,000 annually among the State's citizens by non-resident sportsmen, irrespective of \$6,000,000 annually which the visiting tourists disburse there also, it is equally good, if not better, business for Canada, which has an empire of well stocked sporting territory, whose lakes, streams and square miles of forests have no rival. And the non-resident sportsman does not always merely come and go; he not seldom invests, and in those two notable instances of the Laurentides Pulp Co. at Grand Mere, Que., and the Grand Falls Power Co. at Grand Falls, N. B., we have object lessons of great industries with capital of millions, whose creation resulted solely from the fishing and hunting trips of prominent men from across the line. It is dollars that talk, and none of our contemporaries will waste one minute of their time if they will assist in this propaganda and show the public what these dollars have to talk about.