

only exasperation to good sportsmen. Where the law is not thoroughly enforced, you and I know that such restrictions penalize the best class only and that the others do as they please. Laws, as a general rule, should not be enacted too far in advance of public sentiment.

Close seasons are worse than useless unless they are enforced, and the vermin kept down. I say they are worse than useless, because they do not increase the game, while they do increase lawlessness and disregard for other laws. In the United States, antelope and mountain sheep have been exterminated under long closed seasons. In this instance, it is true there were closed seasons, but they should have been enforced. It would be much better to lose the game without law than to lose both the game and respect for law at the same time.

**Game Laws
not Enforced**

Last Friday night, at the dinner of the Canadian Camp in New York, a member of the Legislature of a Canadian province told how generally game laws were violated in his province. North of this city, in time past, I have seen beaver skins openly trafficked in, while the beaver were nominally protected by a close season. There were plenty of beaver and the people could not see the necessity for protecting them. At Fort Yukon, Alaska, they fed dogs on white flour last winter, with moose in sight every day, but, on the headwaters of the White river, men were taking dogs to board and feeding them on mountain sheep. All you gentlemen, whether from Canada or the United States, could multiply such instances.

We know that we do not enforce our laws properly anywhere; that is nothing to be surprised at. All of us believe in the decalogue of the ten commandments and we would not repeal them, if we could; yet they are violated every day. All we can do is to obtain a better brand of enforcement. We can go ahead and stop a great deal of this violation; meanwhile, do not let your laws run ahead of public sentiment.

Do not spring your law, no matter how good, until you are prepared to put teeth in it. Better err on the side of too great liberality than err in the other way. Educate the public to see the necessity for protective legislation. The great mass of testimony proves that paper laws play into the hands of the Huns of sport. Let us, by all means, have fewer restrictions and better law enforcement.

**Effect of
Migratory Bird
Treaty**

In the United States, we feel that the situation as regards the future of the wild fowl supply for the present and future is now amply safeguarded by the