

can be obtained, while in the small lakes, tributary to the Lake of the Woods and which are reached by canoes from Rat Portage, black bass are fairly plentiful. In the extreme east of Manitoba, in the immediate vicinity of and between Rennie and Molson stations, is an excellent country for moose, perhaps one of the surest points easily reached from Winnipeg; and here there should be no difficulty in securing specimens of this, the greatest of Canadian deer. Bear (black) are also very numerous; there are plenty of ruffed and spruce grouse, and a few caribou. Sportsmen can travel comfortably by rail to these grounds from Winnipeg in a few hours. From Winnipeg those looking for wing shooting may reach the haunts of prairie chicken and grouse (pinnated) by driving a few miles out upon the prairie, and in the brush in the valleys of the Red and Assinibone rivers ruffed grouse and Wilson and jack-snipe are plentiful, and sometimes rabbits will be found; but ruffed grouse shooting is somewhat difficult, owing to the thickness of the cover. Such a trip means starting early in the morning and returning to Winnipeg in the evening. Occasionally the fun is varied by knocking over a few duck and snipe at the sloughs.

Reaburn station, on the Canadian Pacific, thirty-five miles west from Winnipeg, is a place well worth a trial. There are



plenty of duck on the lake close by, and in ordinary seasons heavy bags are made. No doubt it will be good for many years to come; though, owing to the fact that it is so easily reached, it has to stand quite a cannonading occasionally. A few "chickens" frequent the higher parts of the prairie near this lake, and plover are always available to help fill a bag. Some settlers' houses are

close by, and a number of useful skiffs are kept for hire.

Should the sportsman desire a couple of days or more under canvas, he cannot do better than drive from Winnipeg forty miles northwest to Shoal Lake. On the way across, prairie "chickens" will demand attention, and in the unsettled country on the north of the lake are a few moose and elk, and many black-tailed deer. The lake is a great resort for waterfowl of all kinds common to the province, and for mixed shooting it is A 1.

Another good point is Whitewater Lake, in Southern Manitoba, reached from Winnipeg by a short trip over the Pembina branch of the Canadian Pacific. Here "chickens," snipe, and plover are found in fair numbers, and there are