

Sport with Rod and Gun

TO MANY of these who are contemplating a change of residence an important factor in the choice is the opportunities which the new home may offer for sport with rod, shot gun or rifle. On this will often depend the choice when two or more districts are under consideration and in this respect the Kamloops District can compare favorably with all parts of British Columbia and is superior to most. In no other



part of the province can so varied an assortment of game, furred, finned or feathered, be secured without an undue expenditure of time and money. The wide choice of varieties, the accessibility of the different shooting grounds and fishing waters, the magnificent weather which prevails throughout the shooting season and the picturesque surroundings of mountain wood and water combine to make the

Kamloops District an ideal one for a sportsman's outing and in no direction, nor in any quest need he return without a satisfactory bag. If the enquirer is an ardent disciple of Isaac Walton and would test his skill with fly or bait, he may take his choice of many waters. All along the Thompson or the North Thompson Rivers and in every tributary stream, trout, strong and game to the last degree, may be brought to grass. The several kinds of trout, with one exception, are said to be identical in species, differing only in size and colour in the different waters. The one distinct species, the best known and most sought for of the game fish of the Interior, is the Silver trout (*Salmo Kamloopis*), the strongest, gamest fish that ever tried an angler's tackle. This trout may be taken in all the local waters but is most plentiful in the Thompson River. The wing shot can obtain good sport in his line with as little trouble as does his brother angler. Within a day's ride of the city in any direction, a good bag may always be secured with the shotgun, in season. Wild fowl of all kinds and sizes, ranging from the great Whistling swan to the fast flying little teal, are plentiful in all the lakes which lie scattered over the wind swept, bunch grass ranges. Of geese, there are two varieties, the Canada Goose and the American White Fronted Goose, the former being very abundant and the latter fairly so at certain seasons. Mallard, Widgeon, Teal, Pintail, Spoonbill and Gadwall are the most abundant of the true ducks, but many of the sea ducks are also to be found. For those who prefer upland shooting there are plenty of grouse, the family being well represented all through the district. The Canada Ruffed Grouse and the Blue Grouse are particularly abundant, and the Columbian Sharptailed Grouse or Prairie Chicken is becoming more plentiful every season. The big game hunter too has a good variety to choose from. Grizzly Bear and Black Bear are both plentiful in several parts of the district and the sportsman in search of the pelt of either may be sure of a shot without having to go far. The Mule Deer is plentiful and good deer shooting may be obtained in any direction from the city after not more than a few hours drive. The deer in the open park, like ranges of the dry belt, is at his very best, and will always afford excellent sport and good heads. For caribou the sportsman must go farther afield but in the country about Adams Lake and north of Shuswap Lake and in the valley of the North Thompson about Clearwater and Caribou ranges in immense herds. Mountain Goat are plentiful too in the Adams Lake country but sheep are rather scarce in this district, although there are points within reasonable distance where the sportsman may secure this, the most prized of mountain trophies.