

in starting from Montreal to take the steamer "Berthier," from the wharf opposite the Bonsecours Market, to Lanoraie, where a railway carries passengers, &c., to Joliette. At this village a team is necessary to carry the sportsmen and traps to either Manning's farm or Mr. Leprohon's house on the Black River Road, which leads through the trout lake region towards the Mattawan. We will continue this subject in the February number.

WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER OF WILD DUCKS.

Among the various devices resorted to for the destruction of our Wild Fowl, the swivel gun is perhaps the most destructive in its effects. Great numbers of wild ducks are annually slaughtered by its means, and the genuine Sportsman must view with alarm the rapidly decreasing numbers of the birds in the localities where it is used. For the past two or three seasons several American steam yachts, armed with these guns, have been cruising in Lake St. Francis, near Lancaster, Ont., and have apparently done a remunerative business in supplying the American markets with birds. The *modus operandi* is to steam slowly towards the large flocks, or "rafts" of ducks, on their feeding grounds in the lake, and as they are then usually in compact flocks, a great number are secured at a single discharge. As many as 50 to 100 being often bagged at a shot; while, as a matter of course, a great many are wounded, and but few of these are secured, the operations of these pot hunters being conducted on too large a scale to allow of the pursuit of single birds. It is needless to state that this system of shooting has already been productive of a great amount of harm, and if persisted in will spoil to a certain extent the duck shooting on our lakes. We therefore trust, before the advent of another season, the Game Societies of Ontario and Quebec will have taken the matter in hand and devised some means whereby the slaughter

may be prevented, and the rapidly diminishing birds be conserved for the legitimate sportsman.

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will sustain properly defined Game Laws of the Dominion of Canada. It will also extend a cordial hand of fellowship to all well organized game clubs. We fully trust in its success, and now wish our patrons happiness and prosperity, with plenty of sport during the season of 1881.

IN PROSPECT.

A gentleman lately returned from the Northwest Territories promises to send us some interesting and truthful accounts of the game noticed in the regions through which he passed last summer. We will endeavour to procure it for the February number.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

GAME IN SEASON—JANUARY.

Caribou, Virginian Deer, Moose and the common Hare.

Ruffed and Spruce Grouse, Wild Geese and Ducks.

FISH IN SEASON—JANUARY.

Whitefish, Salmon-Trout, Speckled, Brook or River Trout, (*S. fontinalis*), Bass, Doré, Maskilongé.

NOTE.—Every net licence issued by the Department at Ottawa, states as a condition of the issue, that its use for the capture of Bass, prior to the 1st of July, is prohibited.

A GOOD FIT.

In the selection of a gun, the inexperienced Sportsman is apt to overlook one of the most important features required. For rapid and accurate shooting, it is necessary that the stock of the gun be curved to suit the length of neck of the marksman. To fit properly, the gun, when raised to the shoulder should be almost on a level with the eyes, requiring but a slight