

The above particulars and conclusions will serve to give some idea of the interest and promise of this subject, if it is studied with as near an approach to the strict scientific method as the circumstances will permit.

ILLEGAL FISHING.

I would draw attention of the Montreal Fish and Game Protection Club to the illegal netting and angling for Black Bass (*H. nigricans*), which takes place at Beauharnois, in the mouth of the River St. Louis; also, in the vicinity of the islands in Lake St. Louis, during the close season, between the 15th April and 15th May. At this period fish swarm in these localities and full an easy prey to the poachers. If this infraction of the Game Laws could be stopped, Montreal sportsmen and others would have good Black Bass and Doré fishing, easy and inexpensive to reach. Minnows for bait can be caught in large numbers in the mouth of the River St. Louis. E. D. W.
Montreal, 15th March, 1881.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE QUEBEC GAME LAWS.

Sir,—That the Fish and Game Protection Club of the Province of Quebec is becoming a "terror to evil doers" is apparent from the fact that a close search at the commencement of the close season for Deers, Hares, &c., and for Partridges resulted in the discovery of but one piece of venison and one small lot of hares. I am glad to say that all the respectable Fish and Game dealers in the city are working in harmony with the Club, a state of affairs that did not at one time exist. The Club intends petitioning the Legislature at its next session for the following alterations in the Game Act, viz: Close season for Deer and Moose to commence on 1st January, instead of 1st February; for Black Duck, Wood Duck and Teal, to commence 1st April instead of 1st May; for Partridges to commence 1st January, instead of 1st March.

H. R.

NOTE.—At this instant we avoid comment on the above alterations. Quebec sportsmen will doubtless be careful that the close seasons are in accordance with the natural history of the animals mentioned. Our object is to harmonize the Game Laws of Quebec and Ontario which we have had in view from the first issue of the SPORTSMAN, &c.—ED.

Sir,—With regard to the paragraph in your last number headed "Fish and Game Club Beware," I think you must have overlooked the fact that trout had been in season in this Province two months before the article in *Forest and Stream* was published, hence the exportation of trout to Vermont referred to was not illegal. As regards the district whence the trout were said to have come, I may state that the supervision of the Fishery Department is so perfect that nothing is left for the Fish and Game Club to do. Of course it is utterly impossible entirely to stop poaching in a wilderness so vast.

H. R.

NOTE.—We have a decided objection to netting Brook Trout during any season; this alone led to our remarks.—ED.

GAME LAWS.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

It is unlawful to hunt or kill:—

Elk, commonly called Moose, Virginian Deer, Caribou or Reindeer, and Arctic Hare from the 1st February to 1st September.

Ptarmigan, Ruffed Grouse, (Partridge) Spruce Grouse, Sharp-tail Grouse, Woodcock or Wilson's Snipe from 1st May to 1st September.

Wild Swan, all kinds of Geese, or wild ducks of any kind from 1st May to 1st September.

The same east of Three Rivers, from 15th May to 1st September.

It is unlawful to catch:—

Pickeral (Doré) or Pike Perch, Maskilongé, and Black Bass, from the 15th April to 15th May.

Salmon (with nets) from 1st August to 1st May. Do. (with the fly) from 1st September to 1st May.

Brook Trout (speckled) or River Trout, from 1st October to 31st December.

Salmon Trout and Lake Trout from the 15th October to 1st December.

Whitefish from the 10th November to 1st December.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

It is unlawful to hunt or kill:—

Deer, Elk (Moose), Reindeer (Caribou), between 15th of December and 1st October.

Grouse, (pheasants), Prairie Fowl or Partridge between 1st January and 1st September.

Wild Turkeys and Quail between 1st of January and 1st October.