

### WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER OF WILD DUCKS.

SIR,—In reply to "Hammerless Greener's" letter published in your February number, I beg to say there are several legitimate sportsmen living in the neighborhood of Lake St. Francis, and that Soulanges County has just sent a petition to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for Quebec, signed by J. P. Lantier, M.P., W. Duckett, M.P.P., and seventy three of the most influential people in the county, praying that the wholesale slaughter of wild ducks by American "pot-hunters" be put a stop to. Where the greatest number are killed is not in the Province of Quebec; it is a few miles above the line, at Currie's Creek, in the County of Glengarry: which county, I hope, will also send in a petition to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for Ontario.

Yours faithfully,

St. Polycarpe, Q., } T. W. W. G.  
April 26, '81. }

SIR,—The Fish and Game Protection Club have an advertisement in your Journal giving the names of Office-bearers, &c., and intimating that notice of infractions of laws for the Protection of Fish and Game should be sent to the Secretary. Your correspondent E. D. W. has not taken this course; had he notified the Secretary of illegal netting which he alleges takes place at Beauharnois, giving date and names of the offenders and witnesses, the case would have been taken up at once. It is impossible for the Club to keep men at every spot where fish may be illegally taken: the most they can do is to prosecute such offenders as may be reported to them, with sufficient information as to witnesses, &c., to secure a conviction. They invite E. D. W. to send his complaints direct in the future to the  
SECRETARY.

SIR,—Having tried long-range shooting at my "Force gauge" with two 12-bore guns, I send you the result, thinking it might be of interest to your readers:—

#### 12-BORE.—WEIGHT, 7½ LBS.

Charge, 3½ drams powder, 1½ oz. No. 4 shot, (162 pellets to the ounce.)

Distance from Gauge.	Pellets on gauge 5 in. diameter.	Force per Pellet.	Final velocity ft. per sec.	Penetration Number of sheets.
40 yds.	4	3.50	567	27
50 "	2	2.90	169	17
60 "	1	2.17	350	10
70 "	Not fired at this range.			

#### 12-BORE.—WEIGHT, 8 LBS. 10 OZ.

Charge 3½ drams powder, 1½ oz. No. 4 shot, (172 pellets to the ounce.)

40 "	8	4.03	652	35
50 "	4	3.46	560	26
60 "	3	2.86	463	17
70 "	2	2.00	324	9

Same gun with 3½ drams of powder, 1½ oz. of No 7 shot (320 pellets to the ounce.)

40 "	7	1.60	519	19
50 "	5	1.23	393	11
60 "	3	0.76	243	6

I merely send the trial with No. 7 shot to show how rapidly the small pellets lose their velocity.

I am about to make a trial of different kinds of powder, viz., English, Canadian and American; if you think it will be of sufficient interest I will send you a report of the result.

Yours truly,

Lachine. 12-BORE GREENER.

SIR,—In reply to your query as to how far inland Shad have been known to go? I will state for the benefit of your readers, that fine specimens of these fish have been taken as far up the Ottawa as the "Long Sault." Never, to my knowledge, beyond this point, as the wild stretch of rapids known by that name interpose a barrier to further ascent. Consequently the fish assemble in shoals, in an inlet, on the Ontario shore, and a rich season of sport is annually enjoyed by the "few" who know of this piscatorial eldorado.

J. D. F.

Montreal, 5th April, 1881.

NOTE.—Since the receipt of the above we have ascertained that Shad visit Lake Ontario. Our correspondent's letter is interesting in regard to the farthest point reached by the fish in the Ottawa river. How they reach the "Long Sault," at the foot of Lake Temiscamingue, 233 miles above the city of Ottawa, is a matter of which we are anxious to have more information. Are there two "Long Saults" on the Ottawa? We make this enquiry because our correspondent speaks of "the Ontario Shore," leaving one to believe that a "Long Sault" occurs on the Quebec side of the river.—Ed.