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Canada's immense forests are not only among its chief natural sources of wealth but are a great attraction to the sportsman. In these one and one-quarter million square miles in round numbers, 500,000,000 acres of forest, is to be found the finest big game lands of America.

Canoe trips in Canada are becoming a favorite means of spending a summer vacation by visitors from across the line. No other country offers such a variety of trips of that kind amid charming surroundings and with excellent fishing, and in a climate that is unequalled. Those whose eyes have seen the sweep of the dark-green northern hills, who have slept nearby the foaming rapids amid the incense of the balsam and spruce, and imbibed the true spirit of the wilderness, will again and again return to Canada, for in it is all this in perfection.

A recent explorer on Trembling Mountain, Quebec province, reports the view from its highest peak as indescribably grand, a very large portion of the Trembling Mountain park being in full view. He says the park shows no fire ravages but is in a state of wilderness perfection, an aggregation of well wooded

mountains and valleys, intersected by numerous streams and lakes.

One of our U.S. contemporaries, in speaking editorially of changes made last spring in the fish and game laws of Ontario and New Brunswick, speaks of them as "the revised laws of the Canadian provinces," and, judging by this and following criticism, is evidently under the impression that they apply throughout Canada. For example, he states "moose, reindeer or caribou can be killed this year only between November 1st and 15th, and between the same dates every third year hereafter, another wise bit of protective legislation." These dates refer solely to the province of Ontario. Moose and caribou can be killed every year in the other provinces, where they abound, the open seasons in the eastern provinces being for moose: Quebec, Sept. 1st to Dec. 31st inclusive, excepting the immense counties of Ottawa and Pontiac in which the open season is Oct. 1st to Nov. 30th inclusive; for caribou, entire province west of the Saguenay from Sept. 1st to Jan. 31st inclusive. New Brunswick generally permits moose and caribou to be killed from Sept. 15th to Dec. 31st. We suggest to the editor of our c.c. that he take a trip to Canada and learn how big the country is and what a magnificent place for the sportsman, then he will understand that the laws of one province are not operative throughout the Dominion and could not reasonably be so on account of climatic and other conditions.

The Lacy game bill, which has passed Congress, should assist materially in preventing shipments of illegally killed game birds or animals. The shipper, the carrier and the consignee will each be subject to a \$200 fine on conviction for interstate shipments, and the carrier and consignee, for shipments from Canada.

Spare the small fish is a good maxim for every angler. Fishing for count, re-

gardless of size or weight is properly losing its attraction to the many, as it has long ceased to be attractive to the best sportsmanship, which looks upon it as greediness, without regard to those who come to fish in later years, when the small fish shall have become heavier, stronger, gamier and worth catching. Therefore, if small fish are caught, unhook them carefully and return them to the water and content yourself with quality, not number.

The international revolver match which took place in June between teams from the United States and France resulted in a victory for the former by 23 points at a short range and 38 at long range.

St. Gabriel de Brandon, Que., has faith in its own initiative, and evidently believes that sportsmen are the people who should first be attracted to it. This town has adopted the unique method of advertising itself by means of a fishing contest, four money prizes being offered for the largest maskinonge caught in Lake Maskinonge, near which the town is situated. We reproduce the circular on another page, believing it will interest readers besides those living in the city to whose citizens it is addressed.

Commencing with this issue, our Forestry department will be conducted by Mr. E. Stewart as editor and Mr. R. H. Campbell as sub-editor. Mr. Stewart is Chief Inspector of Forestry for the Dominion and also Secretary of the Canadian Forestry Association, of which Mr. Campbell is Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. With these able gentlemen in charge, who were appointed thereto by resolution of the Canadian Forestry Association, May 31st, readers of ROD AND GUN may look forward to a forestry department well conducted and of practical value.