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The Boston Sportsman's Show will be held from February 22 to March 10, inclusive. There will be water sports of various kinds in the miniature lake next to the stage, besides athletic exhibitions on the main floor. Parks of Elk, Moose, Caribou and Deer will vie with a live Grizzly Bear and the numerous Wolves, Lynx, Mountain Lions, etc., in claiming visitors' attention. There will be rarities such as the Gila Monster, Tarantula, Scorpions, etc., to see, besides whole flocks of live Wild Ducks of varieties, live Wild Geese, Grouse, Prairie Chicken, Quail and other live Birds. Fish will be a prominent exhibit. Features of special interest to Canadians will be the stage scene representing a view of the Canadian Rockies, the canoeing and other features by Indians from Quebec, Ontario and the North West. The Province of Quebec will have an interesting exhibit which is being specially prepared under the auspices of the Hon. S. N. Parent, whose able administration has done so much for the Province's fish and game interests. Several Canadian Railways and the Hudson's Bay Company will have exhibits. Judging by the successful show of 1898 and the energy with which the Boston gentlemen, headed by Mr. C. W. Dimick as General Manager, are making

their arrangements, 1900 will witness almost as large a step in advance in this connection as the 1898 show was over its predecessors in the United States.



The suggestion has been made by several persons "that it would pay the Canadian Provinces to cancel the license fees imposed on non-resident sportsmen in view of the increased numbers of U.S. hunters who would come to Canada in consequence, and the resulting money spent here." The scheme is plausible, but does not bear dissection:

1st. Game in the U.S. is decreasing rapidly, so says the League of American Sportsmen. 2nd. There are so many hunters in the few wild lands of certain states readily reached, where deer may be had, that the hunters jostle one another and the list of casualties is lamentably large. 3rd. Those whose pocket-books can stand an extra \$25.00 are not only quite willing but anxious to hunt where the danger of getting killed is minimized to the utmost by the fact of the existence of immense areas of wild lands, where the sportsmen can go for days without meeting others. 4th. The wild lands in Canada cover hundreds of thousands of square miles; large sections are easily reached, others more difficult of access, all are full of big game.

Because of all these reasons it is worth \$25.00 additional to shoot in Canada, and the best big game sportsmen in the U.S. are realizing it.



Several of the officers of the second Canadian Contingent for South Africa, in addition to carrying the regulation Colt revolver, have armed themselves by private purchase with the Mauser magazine combined pistol and carbine, the arm which has been adopted by the United States Cavalry. This class of Mauser is 30 caliber, uses smokeless ammunition and is sighted up to 500 yards. It holds 10 cartridges in the magazine, is light, strongly made, simple

in action, not likely to get out of order and altogether a remarkably efficient weapon. The ease with which the wooden case can be fitted to the handle of the pistol so as to form a carbine is one of its excellent features. It is not, however, a handsome piece of machinery, and looks clumsier than it is. We hope one of the U.S. Arms Co's will bring out an American Edition which will retain its serviceable features and markedly improve its appearance.



The dispatching of two Canadian Contingents to South Africa and the expressed desire for good marksmen as volunteers point clearly to the desirability of the formation of clubs throughout Canada for rifle and revolver practice. In the United States there are many such clubs which meet regularly for practice, and at intervals hold competitions at which remarkably good scores are made. While it is a truism that the best target shots are not always the best quick shots in the field, no one will deny that a course of target practice at varying ranges will improve the aim besides enabling the shooter to judge distances with at least an approach to accuracy. The annual rifle practice and competitions of the volunteer force are excellent, but they are not enough. We need to have practice and competitions outside the military.



Canada leads all other countries in the extent of her forests, one and one-quarter million square miles, or to speak precisely 799,280,000 acres in extent. As the area is immense in proportion to population and unforested land, and as big game exists practically undisturbed, what an enticing field for the sportsman.



It is understood that the Province of Quebec Exhibit at the Boston Sportsman's Show, commencing February 22, 1900, will consist largely of live specimens of Moose, Caribou, Deer, Bear, Beaver, Otter, etc.