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Congratulate us—our first birthday. Twelve months old with this issue, and there were those who thought we would die an early and sudden death. Yet we are alive—very much so—and growing.

We would like to hear more from our readers. With guns, ammunition, fish, game, etc., to furnish practically endless themes for interesting communications, there is no reason for silence. Our columns are open and it is not our fault if you do not use them.

The new Fisheries Act of Ontario passed April 26th has one very important new section, reading as follows:

"4. Save as in sub-section 2 provided no speckled trout, bass or maskinonge taken or caught in provincial waters shall be exposed for sale in or exported from the Province before the first of July, 1903.

"2. Fish caught by any tourist or summer visitor, not exceeding the lawful catch of two days' angling, may be taken out of the Province by such tourist or summer visitor when leaving the Province."

This is excellent. Three important species of game fish are not to be sold or exported, excepting the limited number in a two days' catch allowed the summer tourist to take with him. The effect of these regulations, if thoroughly enforced, will prevent the export for the United

States' markets of thousands of fish caught illegally. The Ontario authorities will undoubtedly be watchful to prevent the export under various aliases, and much can be accomplished if the express officials co-operate cordially with the Government officials. On another page we show some of the principal regulations that affect sportsmen, some of which were placed in effect during 1899.

So much was said by Government experts at the Convention of the North American Fish and Game Protection Association, February 2nd and 3rd, of the absolute uselessness of the \$25 to \$50 game warden, with a few notable exceptions, that we hope to see soon some tangible evidences of an intention to change the system and substitute a thorough service as useful as that of Maine.

A bill now before the Ohio legislature has for its object:

"To encourage the protection of birds, primarily because of their economic value to the farm by the destruction of great numbers of destructive insects."

We hope it will be passed unanimously and that similar bills will be passed by every state in the Union and province of Canada which has not such laws in force. A very healthy public sentiment against the indiscriminate destruction of bird life is growing, and many Audubon societies have been formed to the south of us with this laudable purpose. We should like to hear of such societies coming into being in Canada.

Recently a New York firm made an arrangement to procure 20,000 small birds from Delaware for millinery purposes. Another instance of utter recklessness. No more short sighted policy can be conceived than the wholesale destruction of bird life. We in Canada are concerned with these slaughters. We must not expect our migratory birds to exist in as great numbers if they are destroyed by thousands south of us, and

as far as possible we hope our readers will do all they can to prevent anything of that nature occurring. The Audubon bill of New York State, signed by Governor Roosevelt, May 4, is a long step in the right direction. It makes it a misdemeanor to sell or possess for sale the plumage of insectivorous and song birds. New York State being contiguous to Canada, the bill is a distinct advantage to us. New York city, as a leader of fashion in feminine headgear, will perforce have to set an excellent example hereafter, and it appears to us the key to the situation has been reached.

The Dominion Minister of Agriculture has had issued, in both French and English editions, a booklet entitled, "The Fish and Fur Bearing Animals of Canada," for distribution at the Paris Exposition, at which the Dominion is making a creditable display of our resources in fish and game.

The placing on the market of a semi-automatic magazine pistol by the Colt Repeating Arms Co. is an event worthy of special note. We print a description of it on another page.

We are in sympathy with the movement to taboo pictures of numbers of fish strung on a line. They do not make an attractive subject for the eye and frequently represent immoderate catches. There are numerous angling scenes well worth reproducing which delight the artistic sense, and anglers who use the camera can find in them abundant opportunities for the exercise of their art.

The concession granted by the Ontario Government to dam the Nepigon River for the purposes of a pulp mill has been very unfavorably commented upon by all those who believe that the Nepigon should be preserved for all time as the finest trout stream in North America. We reprint on another page the opinion of one of the dailies on this subject, which seems to cover all the various opinions expressed