

be shot at the new Interstate Park at Queens, Borough of Queens, New York city, April 2 to 6. The money will be divided on the same system as last year, and the winner will be given a handsome trophy to commemorate his victory. Regular entries close March 24th, and will be received at the New York office. Edward Banks, secretary-treasurer, 318 Broadway, New York.

The United States Revolver Association was formed in New York early this month, with the intention of being national in character as well as in name. Its sole object is to systematize the sport of revolver shooting, adopting uniform targets and prescribed distances, defining clearly what constitutes the different types of arm, regulating the trigger pulls of the different types of revolvers, and formulating rules and regulations for conducting revolver shooting. It will not own a range.

Negotiations are on foot to bring about a revolver match between the expert shots of France and America, the results to be transmitted by cable between the competing teams. The Brooklyn Revolver Club is earnestly fostering the plan, and, if the contest is arranged, some of its members will probably find place on the American team. As the French marksmen have not generally adopted the use of the revolver, but instead rely upon the pistol in practice and competitive shooting, it is probable that there would be necessary a compromise in arranging conditions; half the match being shot under French rulings and half under the American. It is to be hoped that the plan may be carried through to success.

Howe D. Bates, Ridgeway, Ont., and John Stroud, Hamilton, Ont., have been trying lately to settle between themselves who is the better shot. Mr. Bates is the winner of the Gilman & Barnes International live bird championship trophy, recently shot for at St. Thomas, and Mr. Stroud is one of the three shooters who won first place in the Grand Canadian Handicap at Hamilton, Ont., in January last. These two have recently shot two matches at 100 live pigeons, 30 yards rise, for \$100 a side. The first, at London, Ont., was won by Mr. Stroud with a score of \$4 to \$3. The second was shot at St. Thomas and was won by Mr. Bates, the score being: Bates 91, Stroud 78. Stroud shoots a 10 gauge 11 pound Greener

gun and Bates a 12 gauge Parker, weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces.

The shooting fraternity will be glad to learn that they can now get a low-priced nitro powder loaded shell, loaded by such a reliable house as the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. The Winchester Repeater, the yellow-covered shell with the Winchester patent corrugated head and primed with the Winchester No. 6 primer—celebrated for its quickness, is the shell the Winchester people now offer loaded, in addition to their Leader, Metal Lined, and Pigeon shells. We are assured that the Repeater is cheap in price but not in quality. The Winchester people offer the Repeater in 10, 12, 16, and 20 gauges, loaded with any of the standard brands of nitro powders; the maximum loads for this shell being: 10 gauge, 3 1-2 drachms powder, 1 1-4 ounces shot; 12 gauge, 3 drachms powder, 1 1-4 ounces shot; 16 gauge, 2 1-2 drachms powder, 1 ounce shot; 20 gauge, 2 drachms powder, 7-8 ounce shot. The Repeater will be loaded by the Winchester people with the same high quality of powder and shot, and with the same care, which has made their Leader, Metal Lined and Pigeon shells so universally popular.

The English War Office recently issued an army order stating the conditions under which volunteers will be accepted for duty in South Africa. Among the requirements the volunteer must be a first-class shot under volunteer rules. The Council of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain announces that yeomanry and volunteers under orders for South Africa may use the Bisley rifle range gratis. The Council says: "The war in South Africa has proved the great value of an irregular force of skilled marksmen for purposes of national defence, and the Council considers it very important that the formation of rifle clubs should be promoted throughout the Kingdom, with the special object of making rifle practice accessible to the general population. The Council will be glad to afford every assistance in the formation of such clubs, and will welcome any suggestions in furtherance of this object. No more opportune time than the present could be chosen by the National Rifle Association for endeavoring to interest the general public in rifle shooting, for recent events have shown the value of men who can use a rifle to advantage."

Senator McArthur, of Iowa, has introduced a bill into the Legislature of that State to require non-resident sportsmen to take out a shooting license before being allowed to hunt with a gun any bird or wild animal in the State. The license fee is fixed at \$10 for each county, and the applicant is required to file his application with the Secretary of State, stating name, age, and place of residence of the applicant and the county in which he desires to hunt. Besides the \$10 fee, a fee of 50 cents must be paid to the Secretary of State for issuing the license. The holder of such license may take from the State not to exceed twenty-five birds of all kinds killed by himself, and his operations must be confined to the legal season. This bill is said to be approved by a majority of Iowa sportsmen.

RAW FURS.

The market is steady, and following prices are quoted:

Beaver (prohibited). Strictly prime large, \$4.50; small, \$2.35.

Bear—Black, No. 1 large, \$15; No. 1 medium, \$10; No. 1 small, \$7.50.

Fisher—No. 1 dark, \$7.50; No. 1 brown, \$6; No. 1 pale, \$5.

Fox—Red, large, No. 1, \$3.75; medium No. 1, \$3.50; small No. 1, \$3.25; cross fox, No. 1 dark, \$12; fair, \$9; pale, \$5; silver No. 1 skin, as to color, when prime, \$75 to \$20.

Lynx—No. 1 large, \$4; No. 1 medium, \$3.00.

Martin—No. 1, \$5 to \$3, according to color.

Mink—Large dark No. 1, \$3; medium, \$2.50; small, \$3.

Muskrat—Medium winter, 10c; heavy winter, 13c.

Otter—Eastern and Labrador, No. 1 large dark, \$15; western, large dark, \$10.00.

Raccoon—No. 1 large dark, \$1.25; No. 1 small, 60c.

Skunk—No. 1 black, 90c to \$1.50; short stripe, 60c to 75c.

Wolverine—Dark, \$5; brown, \$4. — Montreal Trade Review.

The next public raw fur sales in London will be as follows: Hudson's Bay Company, March 19 to 21; C. M. Lampson & Co., March 19 to 30. Latest dates for forwarding shipments from New York to March sales were: For silver, blue and cross fox, otter, beaver, fisher, lynx, wolverine, musk ox, dry fur seal and sea otter, March 2; all other articles, March 9.