

AMENDMENTS TO THE GAME LAWS

LOCAL SPORTSMEN DISCUSS QUESTION

A Number of Recommendations to Be Made at the Sitting of the Legislature.

(From Friday's Daily.)
The meeting of sportsmen held in the Drift Thursday was well attended. R. H. Pooley occupied the chair, and J. Musgrave acted as secretary. Many amendments to the Game Act were discussed, the meeting although held under the auspices of the Vancouver Island Fish and Game Club, being a public one.

A general meeting is to be held in Vancouver to-morrow of representatives from the various game organizations in the province. W. N. Lenesty and J. Musgrave were appointed delegates at last night's meeting.

The meeting last evening showed a disposition to have all the funds raised by various licenses set aside for the direct purpose of providing means for still further protecting game.

The question of a gun license was freely discussed. It was pointed out that in some parts a license of \$10 was imposed. After full consideration \$2 was considered a fair fee, and it was decided to recommend that the act be amended so as to provide for such a license. It was further recommended, however, that farmers and their sons should be exempt from this fee when shooting upon their own property.

It was decided to recommend that a \$10 fee be imposed upon those in the province acting as guides for big game hunters. By this method a check could be kept upon the guides by the game warden, and guides would be more anxious to conform to the regulations at the risk of losing their license.

The question of imposing a heavy license upon foreign trappers resulted in some interesting information being given. It was pointed out that trappers from the United States were in the habit of coming into the remote parts of the province and indiscriminately taking the game at the risk of depleting it. It was deemed wise last evening to recommend that a \$500 license should be placed upon non-resident trappers.

It was also decided to lend support to an amendment to the act to impose a \$5 fee upon those who came from outside the province to fish.

In order to overcome the depletion of game, which must follow indiscriminate shooting it was decided to recommend the fixing of bag limits in respect of birds of mixed species, exclusive of ducks including not more than ten of one variety, and of ducks not more than twenty, and to make it a crime to exceed the limit.

It was agreed to recommend that the sale of trout should be absolutely prohibited.

The meeting also endorsed the proposal which has been made that areas as game preserves should be set aside on Vancouver Island, East Kootenay and Lillooet.

Protection for bear for July and August was included in the recommendation.

It was decided to recommend that the open season for grouse, quail and pheasant should all begin on the same date, namely, October 1st.

On the question of free miners shooting privileges, a proposal was endorsed that free miners be limited to killing for food, deer, sheep, goats, muskoxen, and any point south of the 53rd parallel, and that no privileges be extended to any free miner who is not an actual resident, and who has been in the province of a license for a period of three months.

Covering the question of exporting trophies as amusements was suggested along the lines that "non-residents" should have all trophies tagged, the provincial game warden to have power to grant permits to export for museum, scientific, zoological and stocking purposes; also power to issue permits to residents to export trophies for being mounted or in case of leaving the country; all such permits to cost a fee of \$2.50, and go towards augmenting the game protection fund.

A recommendation will be made that a provincial game warden should be empowered to issue permits for trapping game birds and having the same in possession for breeding and stocking purposes.

Other recommendations aim at the increase in the penalties for violation of the Game Act. It was agreed to ask that the maximum penalty for selling prohibited game should be \$250 and the minimum \$100, and that the period wherein an information might be laid be extended to one year.

Another amendment to be asked for is that the minimum age at which a boy may carry a gun should be raised from fourteen to seventeen years.

LOOKING FOR ABSCONDER.

Local Police See Victim Plucked by Confidence Men.

William F. Walker, of New Britain, Conn., is the subject of much attention from police officials along the coast. Sometime ago the Victoria police were warned to keep a look-out for him, as he was supposed to be attempting to escape by way of Portland or one of the British Columbia ports to the Orient or the South Seas. Chief Langley and some of his men will search the Miwera before she sails in an endeavor to locate Walker.

The Pinkertons, together with the officers of the coast cities, are making every effort to catch their man.

It is another case of a model man, who had found a "big game" in the "scheme" and endeavored to work it.

THE ELECTIONS IN MANITOBA

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These cups are awarded for championship in basketball and girls' hockey, and were won in the recent athletic contest between the Victoria and Vancouver High schools.

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The Commissioners Who Are to Serve for the Various Cities and Districts.

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As announced in the Times last evening, the police commissioners will be: Ald. A. Henderson and Mr. Mahle. The license commissioners will be: Ald. W. McK. Ross and Joseph E. Phillips.

The police commissioners for the other cities of the province are named as follows:

Revelstoke, Ald. Thomas Sawyer and Willis J. Armstrong.

Grand Forks, Ald. P. T. McCallum and Robert McIntosh.

Greenwood, Ald. James Sutherland and Philip McDonald.

Kelowna, Ald. F. M. Buckland and E. M. Carstairs.

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City of Ladysmith, Ald. Absalom Urm and Andrew D. Robertson.

Nelson, Ald. William Rose and D. M. Macdonald.

New Westminster, William E. Tounsend and J. Jagger.

Sandwich, George Waite and James Woods.

Vancouver, H. G. Ross and W. Davis.

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