

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME
AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY.

An effort will doubtless be made at the present session of the Ontario Legislature to have the Fish and Game Committee recommend and the Members of the Assembly enact legislation prohibiting the use of the so-called automatic shotgun for bird shooting. This, gentlemen, is nothing more or less than the attempt of a discredited New York magazine publisher to use the Ontario Legislature to secure revenge on certain American manufacturers whom he has been fighting for three years because for good and sufficient reason they withdrew their advertising patronage from his magazine. For years he took the money of these same gun makers, published advertisements of magazine shotguns and printed columns of praise of guns he now condemns. Immediately upon the withdrawal of this advertising he started a crusade against his former benefactors and under the mask of game protection has endeavored to have the legislatures of over thirty states and territories grant him the revenge he seeks, by prohibiting the use of the so-called automatic shotgun. He even carried his raid into Congress of the United States and the Legislatures of Ontario and Quebec, but not to be fooled by misrepresentation and lies and not willing to be used as a tool by this man to satisfy his revenge, each and every legislative body mentioned has promptly refused to pass his bill. Some fair-minded, well-meaning people have arrayed themselves against this type of gun, but investigation shows that in almost every case their knowledge of the so-called automatic shotgun is not based upon experience or observation, but acquired by reading the many false and misleading statements so industriously circulated during the past three years by the great originator of Game Protection to help his game — Geo. O. Shields, a man who in his writings sneers at Canadians: a man who, by his own writings, is branded as one of the most rapacious game hogs