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We are pleased to notice continued reference in sportsmen's papers to the beneficial results likely to follow the formation of the North American Fish and Game Protection Association, which occurred February 2nd. The fact that this organization has the Commissioner of Lands, Forests and Fisheries of Quebec as its President, the Surveyor-General of New Brunswick among its Vice-Presidents, besides a liberal percentage of other government officials of the fish and game interests in Canada and contiguous states, as officers and members, gives it a more than ordinarily solid character, and assisted as they will be by other earnest workers there is a great future before it.

All sportsmen in Canada should be in sympathy with and encourage by every means they possess our United States cousins in making laws prohibiting the sale of game and game fish. Not only does such legislation protect the States resources, but it closes effectually a wide open door for disposing of the illegally killed Canadian bird, beast or fish, which are shipped from Canada under various aliases. Many a pound of Canadian speckled trout has been disposed of in New York or Boston.

The Province of Quebec Game and Protection Club enjoys new and earned

dignity under its recently changed name. It has done much good work in the past, and as "The Fish and Game Protection Association for the Province of Quebec," its future will be as useful. The Superintendent of Fisheries and Game of Quebec, Mr. L. Z. Jones, in his last annual report, says of its work: "It renders great service to the province. Its members are very active and zealous; the men they employ are well chosen and displayed much activity and energy. It would be very desirable to have similar clubs in the districts of Quebec and Three Rivers," and we may add, throughout Canada.

Quebec has recently appointed three new wardens for special game protection service in Ottawa and Pontiac counties. There is ample room without any danger of them becoming tired walking over the same ground too often. Those counties are many thousand square miles in extent.

Ontario will have a new game law shortly, into which are presumed to be all the old enactments. At time of writing it is before the House in its initial stages. One important change is an open season for moose and caribou, which the bill states is to be from November 1st to 15th inclusive, once every three years.

The Dominion Government is stocking the National Park at Banff and Commissioner McCreary has secured five elk which he purchased from Valentine Winkler, of Morden, Man. There are three bulls of 10, 5 and 3 years and one cow of 7 years and female calf of 9 months. It is expected that two more females will be added this year. The bucks when shipped had very fine antlers.

An English paper states that the Boers are utilizing field glasses generally to assist in shooting accurately. One man watches with a glass where his fellows' shots strike and acts as coach, thereby aiding them in correcting their aim at

distances too long to see clearly at with unaided eyes.

Hereafter, our amateur photographic department will be conducted by Mr. H. McBean Johnstone in his own name, instead of under the nom de plume of Eusibus Jaxson II.

Those of our readers who follow the gentle and useful art of Amateur Photography and who intend to visit the Paris Exposition will not be pleased with the regulations under which photographs may be taken. For example: Exhibits may not be photographed without permission of the owners. A hand camera may be used at all hours, but the fee is 25 francs, (\$5.00). The unfortunate who attempts to use a tripod must pay 1000 francs, (\$200), can only photograph before 1 p.m., and the user must have in his possession a card bearing his own photograph. Whether this card is to be used to identify himself with in case he gets lost, or is a passport to show that he is the person entitled to use that particular instrument, we are not able to say at present.

The cases wherein utility, in the shape of pulp mills, is to absolutely override every other consideration are beginning to occur. It is a moot point apparently with the legislators whether anglers should be considered at all where pulp mill concessionaires are concerned. No reasonable man objects to as many pulp mills as there ought to be, but there are cases where the super-excellence of the fishing waters as a means of attracting numbers of non-residents should not be lost sight of, and there are several cases on record where the visiting angler, induced to come by the excellent fishing, has made investments in Canada amounting now into the millions. Fortunately there are many thousand streams and lakes where the pulp mill cannot come with profit.