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tracting these birds to other waters. It is said to be the government's intention to introduced black game and capercailzie from Europe, and prairie fowl from our own western plains.

FISH, AND FISHING.

The disciples of good old Izaac Walton will find in the streams and lakes of the Algonquin Park an abundance of trout, pike, pickeral, and, in certain localities, white-fish and herring. Eels of large size are plentiful in the Opeongo branch of the Madawaska. Strange to say, both black and rock bass are missing. With the view of introducing these excellent and gamy fish, General Manager Chamberlin, of the Canada Atlantic Railway, offered special facilities for their transportation from other lakes in the Parry Sound District to those of the Park. As a rule, brook trout, considered by many as the "King of fishes," are looked for in rushing mountain torrent or the shining silver brook, but while the waters of most of the brooks in the reservation are dark, it seems to suit the taste and requirements of this loveliest and gamiest of fishes. Mr. George B. Hayes, Prison Commissioner of the State of New York, claims to have fished nearly all the streams of North America, but says that for game qualities as well as beauty of color and form, the brook trout of the Algonquin Park excel all others. Perhaps the biggest of these speckled beauties are caught in the Petawawa river, where they range on an average from half a pound to four and a half pounds in weight, almost, if not quite, equal in size to those of the famous Nepigon. Most of the brook trout are of a superior quality of flesh, being firm, and ranging in color from a rich cream to the brightest salmon tint, while the skin exhibits its glorious rainbow hues. In most of the lakes the salmon trout, commonly called grey or lake trout, abounds. To catch them, spoon or bait is used, as they seldom rise to the fly. To fish within the Park limits, it is necessary to get a permit from the Superintendent, and, even then, the use of rod and line and trowling line only are permitted. Moreover, the angler is only allowed to take such fish as he requires for his own use, within the Park, and is forbidden to carry away or wantonly destroy any piscatorial spoils. It is not likely that the waters within the reservation will ever be choked with the sawdust which has proved so fatal else-

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