(FROM THE BOD AND GUN.)

BY ROYAL

At the western and of Lake St. Francis, a large extent of the shores on both sides of the river have been flooded by the dam at the head of the Beaularness Canal. On the south side the marshes extend from a few miles below the Indian village of St. Regis nearly to St. Anicet, a distance of about 16 miles. The Salmon River, flowing through the marsh, enters the St. Lawrence opposite the village of Sammerstown, and at its mouth, on the western bank, the land rises sharply and becomes a fine farm, the property of the best-known shot west of Montreal

James Hopkins, generally called "Jim," is a man of about 42 to 45 years of age, stands about 6ft. 2in. in his stockings, but, not carrying much flosh, does not weigh much over 180 lbs. He is extremely powerful, very active, and theroughly u. in overything appertaining to boats or cances. He was born and brought up on the farm which goes by the name of Hopkins' Island, and has shot ducks over since he has been able to lift agun. When the Brigade of Guards was stationed in Montreal from 1862 to 1865, Hopkins built them a shanty on his island, and many a time I have used it since. Not more than ten years ago the shooting in the marshes round Hopkins' place was equal to any shooting in the world. Jim, you may be sure, was not to be beaten by any of his rivals. and the bag he made in those days were simply fabulous. Ever since 1868 we have had a suc-cession of dry years, and the marshes are becoming very much grown up with weeds, the black-duck shooting is almost spoiled. This year the water was a foot higher than usual, and ducks fairly plenty again. But to return to Jim. Jim is a very independent sort of a tellow, and will not paddle anyone for pay nowa-days. He always says he does not mind shooting with anyone whom he used to paddle as a boy, but will not shoo; with a stranger. Ho is so proud that he sometimes imagines offense where none is intended. On one occasion he took it into his head that I had insulted him, bocause I did not give him any more definite information of the position of a big flock I had found than "Down below about five miles." I did not know the name of the island under whose lee the flock was feeding, and of course could not tell him. But after I took 64 out of a flock next morning. I pacified him by an explan tion. He is a splendid shot, and being so thoroughly expert either in cance or skiff, goes out in all weathers. I saw him pick up 102 blue-bris in one day three years ago, and that before 2 p.m. I was passing his blind about that time, and, stopping to give him a drink (it was bitter cold; about Nov. 15), he said I might have his pluce, as he was tired of snooting and would go home. I picked up, I think, 19

birds after he left. His home is always open to sportsmen, and Mrs. Hopkins can cook ducks as wa'! as any one I know of. When I shoot in his neighborhood I always use his shanty, and letting my own men cook breakfast, usually either take suppor at Hopkius, or got Mrs. Hopkins to send over some hot ducks. Jim is very good company, and from having met such numbers of military in his day, is unusually well informed and a good talker. It is a treat, after a hard day's shooting, when the inner man has been fortified and the guns cleaned and the cartridge-bags replenished for the morning's work, to smoke and jaw with Jim, and listen to his crit-cisms on the shooting of different men. He al-ways maintains that Capt. Elphinstone, of the Scotch Pusilier Guards, was the best shot he over saw. Elphiustone taught him to shoul with both eyes open, and was a wonderful shot after dues; he could shoot and kill long after it was black dark. Money, of the Cauadian Rifles, was unuring as a walker, and never dis-conraged no matter how deep the walking. Others were not so fertunate; some excited Jim's ire by their bangling (he has no mercy for trilor). Of the French Division, he used to think most of Maximo Monjoan (the Trenges) and Baptisto Bibaud, of Sorel (more of these when I come to Lake St. Peter). It was Mon-jean that first used the live decoys for black ducks up at Lancaster. Hopkins has a boy Charlie, 17 years of age, that he is training in the way he should go, who, some of these days, will shoot as well as his father.

Lake St. Francis is the very poor in number of its local shots, Hopkins being the only one entitled to rank as first-class. A few miles below Hop-kins' lives a man named Semay, who is a fair second class shot, and sets out decoys, fairly. Somey always has plonty of boats for hire, and makes a little, tinkering watches. At Summerstown the hotel-keeper can find a young man called Pierre, who used to work for Hopkins, and is a moderate hunter. Further up, at St. Regis, there ale several Indians trained by Mossrs. Holyoake, Neward and Mackey, that are good for black duck shooting and woodowsk.

They do not understand decoy work. Their names are Louis Bruce, Louis Pipe and Angu. names are Louis Bruce, Louis Pipe and Anguall three good men. By the way, the Holyoake,
(Capt.) I mentioned above was a wother of the
Holyoake mentioned in poor Frank Forester s
"Melton Mowbray." Captain Holyoake, new
dead, for many years used to live during the
whole of the successing season on an island nolar above Hopkins, place, where Mackay and Noward had a shauty. Poor Noward is al-cload. Well I remember his funeral in 1869 military funeral, and, being very popular, had known on the St. Lawrence. They certainly are nearly 5,000 troops, regulars and volunteers, at it.

DUCK SHOTS OF THE ST. LAWRENCE. Baptiste Panet or Goyetto, Lz Boule, senior; A CATTLE "ROUND-UP" IN COLORADO. SPORT LEVELS ALL DISTINCTIONS. the Cardinals, Raphael and Alphonso Barrette,

and the Barroaus. First in age, shooting and fame, comes Nital Barretto—a man of forty-five or forty-six winters' about six feet high, and active as a cat. Long exposure to all weathers and a bald head, make him appear nearer sixty than forty; but his oye is as keen and hand as steady as over. He is the acknowledged king of the duck shots on the St. Lawrence, and to my own idea, the best shot I over saw pull a trigger. On three different occasions I have seen him kill from twenty rectly behind him, and always has every decoy head on to the blind. Perhaps not as careful of the feathers of the dead birds as (liver Paul or Sorel is, but always having his birds look very neat on his floats. On the ice, if the place be favorable, he will have porhaps thirty birds with their heads under their wings on either side the blind, besides the ones on floats in the water and the live ones which are tied by the leg to small stones sunk in the ice. His uguar spring ground is, in the first half of April, the lake between Caughnawangs and Islo Perrat, later on, as the channels open, he shoots in La prairie Bay. Sometimes, in the autumn, Mr. LeMoyne (the President Game Protes. Soc.) Sometimes, in the autumn, Mr. or myself take him with us to Sorel or Lake St. Francis This year he went up to Hopkins' on his own hook He is great fun, and can tell many a story of his bags. The 'ist that he has made since I have been shooting with him are 82 and 63 in two consecutive days, within six miles of Montreal, in April, 1863, and 50a d 48 in two days at Prescott, in March, 1872, with a muzzle-loader, one barrel of which got disrbled carly in the day. On the occasion of the 82 and 63 bags, Desantels, who was shooting about five acres above him, bent him each day two or three birds; but Desantels had three guns and two men to pick up for him, while Barrette had only two guns, and had frequently to go with his man to pick up, as the current runs so tromendously strong, thus losing many chances. At pigeons he is not quite so deadly, but he has only fired at about a dozen in his life from a trap, and would easily learn if necessary. His poculiarity is in being a great believer in heavy shot, No. 2 or 3, and usually keeps a few B B in case of geese. His sou, Alphonso, is fast becoming a crack shot, and even now I do not know many who can beat him, with the exception of the old man Desantels, and perhaps Panet. Barrette lives at the foot of the rapids, almost in line with the big pitch, and when the steamer Renaud was wrecked three years ago, in company with his son and brother in law, made no less than nine trips to the wreck between evening and daylight, rescuing 55 of the passen-gers, for which they received two dollars a head from the company. The steamer was wrecked just at the head of Isle Heron, in a very ugly part of the rapids, and of all onthat shore there were only tour canoe crows that dared venture

to render assistance. Noxt to him in reputation as a shot ranks Edmond Desantels—some even consider him equal to the old man—but he has not the nerve. and would broak down where money was at stake. Desantels is a man about thirty-six or or thirty-eight years of age, not more than five feet six in height, spare in figure, and the most rostless, ambitious mortal I have over chanced to meet. Every spring he is off a week before a bird comes in, and Barrette and I usually do not start for our first trip till Dosantels has returned empty handed. However, when the birds are in he has wonderful luck, witness killing seven goese with two barrels on one occasion this spring, and five on another, last April

sion this spring, and two on Locking last aprilHe is also a step shot at snips. A gentleman in Montrea, who is passionately fond of
snips shooting, but too nervous to hit anything,
always takes Edmond with him when he goes
to Sorel, and I have seen him sitting on his
cance smoking his pipe, while Desantles and Baptiste were shooting snipe for him. Desantles' great fault is that, when he gets a little whiskey in ue is inclined to brag too much, but the past summer has rather cured him of that, at least so far as pigeons are concerned, as I have beaton him on three different occasions, and have (inly to stop his talking) offered to shoot him any kind of match he pleased, either at single or double birds, for money or reputation alone. He backed out. Not for an instant do I pretend that I am anything like so good a shot as he, d to shoot for money all my when required. Desantely is also a very good spectrum, and kills a good many fish when the suctors run up the river. Next to him comes Jean Baptisto Panet, or Govette, a quiet respectable man, of medium height, grayish hair, clean shaven face, except moustache, and very determined jaw. He, though not so brilliant a shot as either Barrettee or Derantels, is a steady all-day shot, and his bags during the season are not far behind the others. These three man are the chiefs of the Forty. Of the others, LaBonte is the best. He is very joalous of Desantles, and thinks he can beat him. He killed three brant last April in the channel between Point St. Charles and the Nuns Island, just where the Victoria Bridge is. Hall I been able to get one of them I would have sent it to

The stock business upon the Western plains is an exciting and busy occupation. As the cat-tic run at large upon the range, the herds of many proprietors necessarily become mixed together. It is therefore requisite for the owners to be constantly on the watch that the cattle herd; a sufficient number of bulls are kept on the range by each owner in proportion to the number of cows he owns, and at certain seasons to twenty-three ducks straight, paving a point, taking them as they came, far or near without the cattle are gathered together at a stated making a miss or using the second barrel. He is very fond of long shots, always saying, "If I separated, and the calves marked or branded. kill, the duck is worth a good many charges; if Every year there is what is known as a "Round-I miss, the cartridge is not dear" To see him set out decoys is a treat; he will change the position of his blind until he gets the wind di-ordinate officers, who make regulations and "Round-up," The cattle are counted, those not marked are branded, those ready for market are driven for sale, and the remainder are left to wander over the range until the next oc-casion. The branding or marking of the cattle is done by heated iron; made in the form of the initial letters of the owner's name, ca mono gram which includes these letters. The animal to be branded being caught with a lasso, is held or thrown, and it's brand, heated so as to mark the skin, is held apon the flank or shoulder, until a permanent sear is made. The brands the mark is held to be an undisputed title to the ownership of the cattle. Cattle without brands are public property.-American Agricul-

MR. J. DUNN WALTON'S SALE.

The sale of this popular New York horseman took place, pursuant to announcement, at Messys Barker & Sons' City Auction Mart and New York Tattercall's, on Saturday, 25th ult The attendance was quite large, but the transactions suffered from the prevailing in difference manifest at this time throughout every channel of trade. The prices did not do justice to the animals offered. Appended are the names of purchasors and prices paid: Tommy, b g by Ethan Allen; G P Maxwell,

Boston
Uno, b g, by Jules Jurgenson; J R Alexander, Richmond, Va.
Ino, br g (fall brother to Uno), John Given, 210 Astoria

Richmond, b.g., by General Knox, dam by
Hiram Drew, D.S. Snow, Newburgh

Silvertail, ch.g., by Independence, C.C.

Heyer, Keyport
Conniess, ch m, by General Knox, dam
thoroughbred; C Sheldon, Concord, 135 1200 N.H. Morrill, Jr., h.g. by Winthrop Morrill; W

C George, N.Y...... 150

FATAL ACCIDENT TO AUSTRALIAN

lost. It appears that after the Australian selves." Jockey Club races several of the horses that had been running at the merting were shipped life, my nerves are better than most people's on board the City of Melbourne, which left Sydney for Melbourne at midnight on Saturday, Sept. 9. Soon after leaving the weather became very stormy, and on Sunday a heavy see a smarked the wheel, and the boxes which from a friend on the barque Isabella, contained the horses being broken, no less at Cumberland Inlet, with an account the own r, the loss is a very heavy one. The Marquis; Bobin Hood, who last year won the Melbourne D rby and Sydney St. I eger, The Poscher, & vereign, Nemisis (by Rnight by Lecturer, and a colt by The Marquis.

LIABILITY OF OWNERS OF STAL-LIONS.

The subjoined sensible article appeared recently in The London Morning Advertiser, and it is to be hoped that the the agitation of the subject to which it refers may be without a good effect upon the exclusive clas across the Atlantic, while there are clubs on may not stray too far, and that their general this side of the big pond whose members safety be looked after. A sort of co-operative may profit by a perusal of "these few remutal care is exercised over the combined marks."

"The success of the recent International Regatta, and the promise of even better sport and larger entries next year, have directed attention more than ever to the currous social distinctions which exist oven among the most ardent lovers of athletic exup." The owners of any one county or district cicises. Every new and then complaints are associated together, with a captain and sub- are heard amongst gentlemen of the attemptare associated together, with a captain and sub-ordinate officers, who make regulations and arrangements for the "Round-up." The time and place selected are advertised or put!!shed or the parties interested are notified, and on the day appointed a large number of mounted men scour the country, and gather to the select-ed place all the scattered droves they can find in the neighbourhood. These are drawn together in a close mass. From out of this general herd the cattle are sorted according to the brands men them. by which their owners as far as passible excluded from the gathering of what are called "rec-ognized" amateurs. The alleged grievance in consequence of the ill-feeling which areso between our own crews and certain Ameri-can crews at the late Contennal Regatta. the brands upon them, by which their owners As may be remembered, the hondouers com-can recognize them. Or as they are driven up, plained bitterly that they were asked to con-each man and his horders "out out" or separate tend, not against amateurs, but against artiche stock owned by him, and drive them to a place by themselves. Here they are kept together by some herders who, on, their trained horses, and with long whips, provent them from straying off. This is the trained and the trained and trained and the trained and train national meeting, we may expect a most bitter controversy to arise as to what constitutes an avuateur, if our own clubs insist upon social position having anything to do with the matter. Hitherto in this country the "gentlemen" have had it all their own way. They have organized the various local regattas, and have decided which clubs are to be recognized and which ignored. lately there has been a growing feeling amongst the excommunicated to demand antil a permanent sear is made. The brands their obvious right of entry into those com-are registered in the county clork's office, and petitions which are nominally open to all unprofessional sportsmen. The injustice of the whole thing is even greater than at first sight appears, because while it is allowable for a man to be actually a professional at one sport and a gentleman amateur at another, a zealous supporter of the game, though he may never have gained a penny by it, is chut out from the principal gatherings because his social position does not satisfy some exacting secretary. For instance, a man may run race-horses and shoot at pigeous for money prizes, and yet not forfest his title to be an amateur: while another may freely subscribe to the very prizes the former wins, and yet be denied the title because it is alleged that his social position does not warrant its bestowel. The attempt to define social classes which are in a state of transition is really impossible. Would it not, then, be far better to class our athletes according to those simple roles which are obvious to any one? A professional is one who seeks pecuniary gain; an amateur is one who does not. Let public amateur competitions, then, be open to all who are not professionals, and let the prizes consist of simple acknowledgm ats of victory, such as printed or illuminated cards. For, by the bye, while gentlemen amateurs see so many faults in others, it is hardly fair for them to forget that their largest fields are always to be found where the most valuable plate as the prize, and that before now gentlemen amateurs have been found who have turned their silver—pots—into hard cash. Of course, clubs should always hold private competitions open only to such persons as they chose to admit, just as the Gun Club and similar institutions do. Our cbjections point solely to those "national" and "international" meetings the expenses of which are provided by public subscrip-RACEHORSES.

A sad calamity has bappened on the Australian Coast, by which some of the best of the colonial thoroughbred stack has been according to the descriptions. In a nation of shopke, pers it is surely absurd to find the great training common ity virtually excluded from the national sports in order that no offence may be given to those gentlemen who think that are the colonial thoroughbred stock has been can be an amateur unless he is one of them-

A BIG POLAR BEAR

The skin of an immense polar o ar has been received by a man in Norwick Conn. than mno of these animals were destroyed, of its exciting capture, which the Bulleum amongst them being seven the property of prints as follows. "A party of two men Mr. C. B. Fisher, the most fashionably-bred from the Isabella, including a number of Eshorses in the colony, to which, as well as to quimaux and myarif were walking on the ice, when, rounding a hammeck, we unexhorses destroyed were Burgundy, by The pectedly discovered near as a large bear. Marquis; Bobin Hood, who last year won qui-tly terding. We would have returned to the ship without disturbing it as we were armed with only one rifle and a few spears of the Garter), Eros, Etoile du Matin, a colt carried by the natives, had not one of the several dogs that were with us announced our pres ice by a loud bark. The bear, 2som as it saw the introders, began to ad

Gorse Moles.

Monarch, Jr., is passing the wint r of Lexington, Kentucky.

Red Cloud is to have absolute reas to a winter. Correct, Mr. Wade-keep burn of harmess till the grass starts, and " 10-Horse will be himself again when the next trotting season is on.

GOVERNOR TILDEN. -- Mr. C. A. Fesa, on foldwater, Mich., recently sold to parties of Niles, same State, the yearing cost trover nor Tilden, by Hambletoman Star.

The Kentucky Association course at Lax ington has recently been covered over its entire extent with manure to the depth soveral melies, which has been ploughed under. The object of this is to increas clasticity, and make it faster

A Lanci. Stony .- Cakland Maid is report ed to have trotted the last half mile of a heat in a recent race, at San Francisco, in processly one minute. The people who witnessed the feat would not have believed it united they had seen it themselves, and we claim the same privilege or incredulity.

Leybourno, a celebrated English tretter. died on Nov. 6 from internal injuries man cloasly inflicted upon him on Oct. But or all A reward of £200 is offered for sufermation which will lead to the conviction of the or fenders.

DEATH OF A HORSEMAN - David Saxon well known in Nashville and tho whole comtry by turimen, departed this life the carly part of last week. His home Huntsville, Ala., where his remains will be shipped.

Tom Hunter, the sire of Albermarile. has passed into the hands of Dell Short, he hav ing purchased a half interest in him, and i now located at Coldwater, Micu.

A SPORTING MAYOR.-Alderman Handal Stevenson, of I arliam, who has been thre retary to the Race Committee of Durham for the last twelve years, and who has held various positions in sporting shows, was ananimonaly elected Mayor of Durham on the 9th uit.

Fueres Oct In consequence of the sovere frost on Pridas and Saturdas, 19th and 11th alt, the Autree Course at Liverpool was found to be too hard for racing . the meeting was therefore abandoned. I'm Craven Streplechase meeting was also aban doned from the same cause.

AN HONOR TO AN AMERICAN DITUDENT .-Mr. Frank L. Billings, of boston, Mass now a student in the Voterinary College at Berlin, has been made an Honorary Member of the Vetermary Union of Prussia, and American Correspondent. This is the first time in which this honor has been conferred upon a student, and reflects great credit upon Mr. Billings. It was a token of the Lighton teem and friendship which the Profess in had for the culture, scholarly abilities, and tru gentermouly qualities of Mr. Binings.

A Good Perd for Poor and You Hornes.—Take two quarts of cate, two bran, and half a pint of line ed. Plac incomes in a stable bucket, then the knowled, and ones in a stante where, then the infrared, has a over those the bran, the point on coming water sufficient to Jamp the whole, and cover with an old rup to keep the steam on. After it has stood a couple of hours of the mass well together. This given three times a week in audition to the usual fond, with soon put on flesh. This will also be found of great service in feeding yearsters, in creasing their are and substance, and k -p ing them healthy

Wooding Chier .- Coi. I. 1.1 opper, the swart of the foat year old Woodford a met, is reported to have sold into for \$20,000. He is by Clark Curefout of Virginius, by the thoroughbred horse Buly Townes, and ... the hest four year old of the year. At the late Kentucky Breeders' Meeting he distin guished himself by warring the race for four year olds after a game contest with 11 Strader's Frie, who og the turt, four in and lifth heats, the ture for a lack was a markably close 291, 2011, 2014.

REMARKABLE PRESENCE OF MIND.

Owing to an alleged necestively partially the work as fast to p sould a the man the man wir are cupies to a patient con three cables sugar is an way restricted to your companies to which we be a tent or platf rite, wance in su-presiden abov in arear at about the height of murty fort aimire the water. Yourerday of an ema working or by some acculous feb. If the platfor of Hanging from the platform was a . some as it saw the introders, began to ad which reached nearly to the water. It same allowly towards us, but was met by from full count the reservoir of the count of the coun