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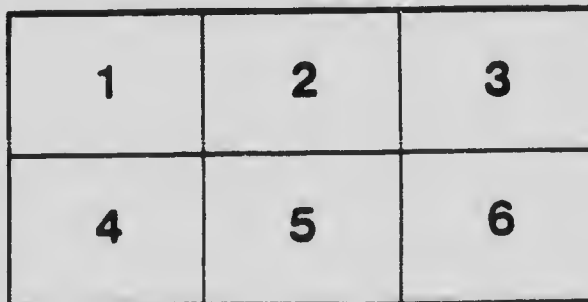
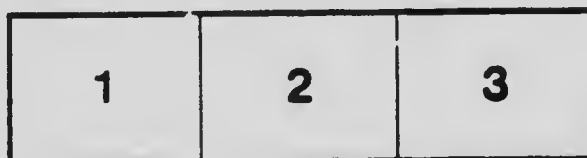
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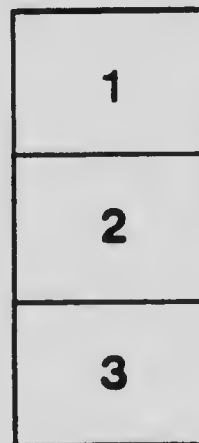
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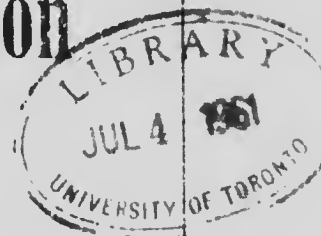
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The
**Ontario Fish and Game
Protective Association**



SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION

By the Branches of The Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association, with the object of each Branch forming the conclusions it will instruct its Delegates to advocate, at the Convention to be held in Toronto in September, during the Exposition, as provided by the Constitution (Page 5).

These Questions have been obtained from a variety of sources
and from persons of varied occupations

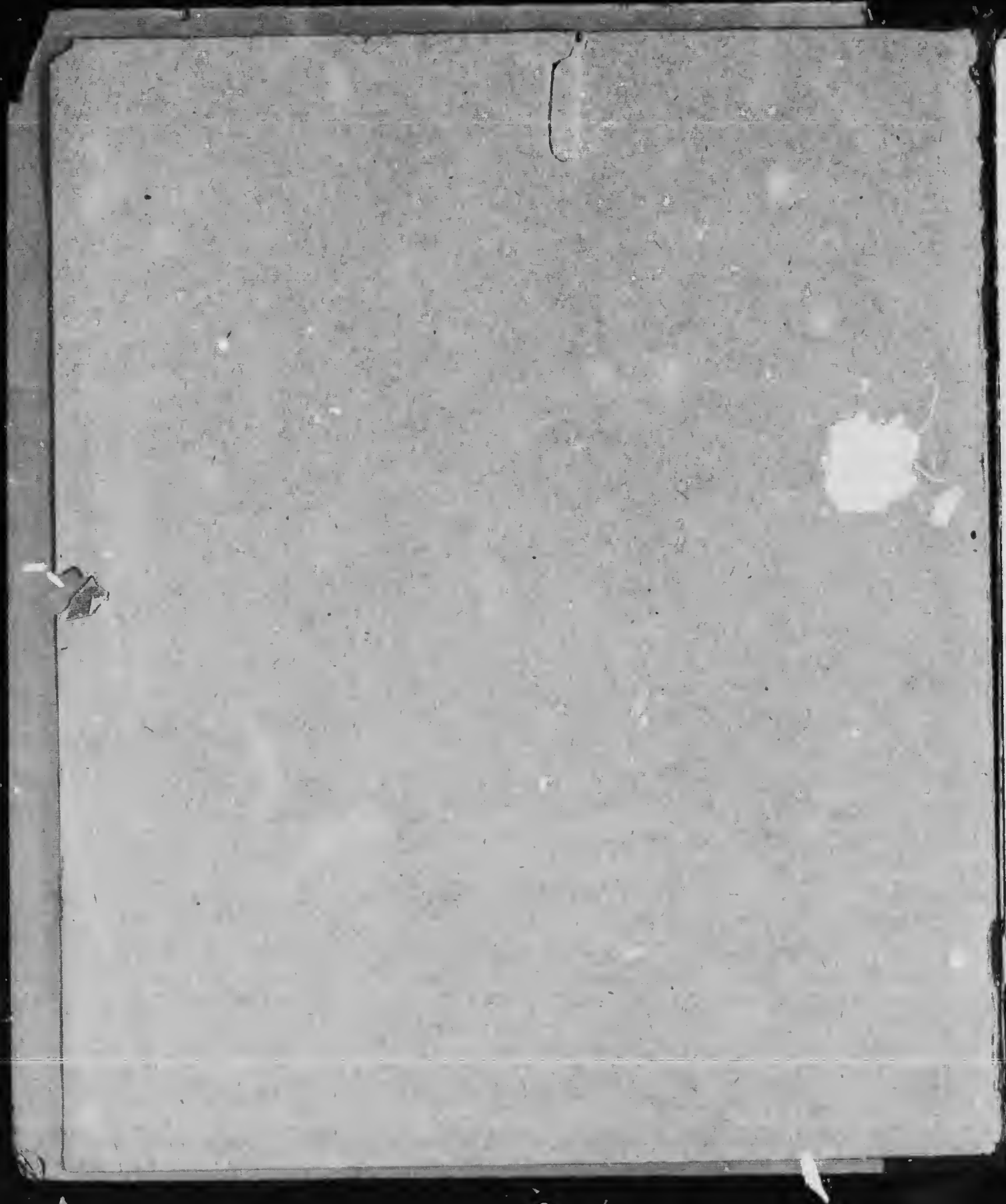
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TORONTO



Game Fish

SPECKLED TROUT

1. Are you satisfied with the present Close Season?
2. Is the present legal restriction as to size. (Viz: six inches long) and quantity, (Viz: thirty fish of an aggregate weight of ten pounds, which may be taken in one day) satisfactory?
3. What are your views as to Speckled Trout, caught outside the Province, being sold in the Province, during the Close Season, or at any other time?
4. Do you advocate the continuance of the present regulations prohibiting the export of Speckled Trout from this Province?
5. Have you any recommendations as to Government Fish Hatcheries of Speckled Trout or anything appertaining to the same?
6. Are you opposed to Bass being introduced into Speckled Trout waters?

BLACK BASS (LARGE AND SMALL MOUTH)

1. Are you satisfied with the present regulations prohibiting the sale or export of these fish?
2. Is the present regulation, limiting the number of fish to be taken in one day (Viz: eight), and the legal size, (Viz: ten inches long), satisfactory to you?
3. Is the present Close Season satisfactory?
4. Have you any recommendations to make as to the Government establishing hatcheries, or attempting to gather up the fry on the spawning beds before the female leaves them and placing the same in protected waters, as has been suggested?

SILVER BASS

5. In your opinion should Silver Bass be mentioned in the Fishery Regulations and a limit of size and season for catching same be provided?

MASKIN- ONGE

1. Are you satisfied with the present regulations prohibiting the sale and export of these fish?
2. Is the present regulation, limiting the number of fish to be taken in one day (Viz: four), and the legal size, (Viz: twenty-four inches long) satisfactory to you?
3. Is the present Close Season satisfactory?
4. Would you recommend any steps being taken by Government Fish Hatcheries to propagate these fish artificially?

1. Should the sale and export of Pickerel be prohibited?
2. Is the present regulation, limiting the number of fish to be taken in one day (Viz: twelve), and legal size (Viz: fifteen inches long) satisfactory?
3. Is the present Close Season satisfactory?
4. Do you recommend the Government propagating these fish in hatcheries?
5. In your opinion should Blue Pickerel be mentioned in the Fishery Regulations and a limit of size and season for catching same be provided?

PICKEREL
(DORE)

Coarse Fish

1. Do you suggest any change being made in the present regulations as to these fish?
2. Would you recommend Professor Prince, at Ottawa, being requested by the Association to give his views as to the regulations which should be adopted as to the sale and export of these fish?
3. Have you any recommendations to make as to the methods of catching these fish, or any other questions relative to the same?

PERCH,
ROCK BASS,
MULLET,
PIKE, AND
OTHERS

Not generally eaten by Canadians, and claimed to be destructive to the spawn of valuable fish, and in the case of CARP, to vegetation, eaten by water-fowl.

CARP,
SUCKERS,
AND SUCH
FISH

1. Have you any suggestions to make as to a bounty being placed on these fish, or the Government taking in hand the catching of the same?

Destructive Fish

Have you any recommendations to make as to bounties being paid for the destruction of these fish, or any suggestions as to the same?

LING, DOG
FISH, ETC.

Food Fish

1. Are you in favor of the total prohibition of the catching of these fish in Lakes Erie and Ontario for a term of years, as in these lakes it is generally admitted that the fish have almost ceased to exist.

WHITE
FISH

2. What is your opinion as to the smallest size of mesh which should be allowed?

3. What in your opinion should be the proper Close Season?

**SALMON
TROUT**

1. Are you in favor of the total prohibition of the catching of these fish in Lakes Erie and Ontario for a term of years, as in these lakes it is generally admitted the fish have almost ceased to exist.

2. What is your opinion as to the smallest size of mesh which should be allowed?

3. What in your opinion should be the proper Close Season?

HERRING

1. Are you in favor of the total prohibition of the catching of these fish in Lakes Erie and Ontario, for a term of years, as in these lakes it is alleged the fish have almost ceased to exist?

2. What, in your opinion, should be the Close Season and regulations for the taking of this fish?

**BLUE-
BACKED
HERRING**

3. In your opinion what is the smallest size these fish should be allowed to be caught and what should be their close season?

**STUR-
GEON**

1. What in your opinion should be the regulations governing the taking of these fish?

Food Fish Generally

If your Branch by reason of its geographical position does not feel competent and wishful to give opinions on these subjects, would it advocate the Association obtaining the opinions of competent, unbiased, and disinterested fishery experts?

Nets

1. What is your opinion as to trap nets, hoop nets, and other forms of nets?

2. What kinds would you recommend being prohibited entirely?

3. Would you suggest that the Government make it clearly understood in the Printed Regulations that all nets illegally used can be destroyed at sight by any person finding the same and that large license tags be used on all nets authorized by the Government?

4. Would you recommend that in waters where netting is absolutely prohibited, any nets found placed by any one, can be destroyed by the finder, and, if so, would it not be well for the Association to place printed notices on lipen in suitable places calling the attention of sportsmen to their rights in this matter.

5. Do you think if White Fish, Lake Trout, Herring, Yellow Perch and Yellow Pickerel were sold for half the present prices that it would have a tendency to preserve Bass and Speckled Trout from being overfished and illegally caught, and if you have this view would you favor the entire prohibition of the export of White Fish, Lake Trout, Herring Yellow Perch and Yellow Pickerel?

This question is one handed in by Mr. Edward Harris, who has given the subject of our Inland Fisheries much study and can be considered an authority on the same.

System of Fishery Overseerships, Etc.

1. Are you satisfied with the present system of Fishery Overseerships? If not, what recommendations would you make as to change in the same? In debating this question, please consider the amount of payment you would recommend being made to Local and District Fishery Overseers, and their qualifications for appointment.

2. It has been suggested that we recommend—that before a local fishery overseer is appointed by the Government, he should be recommended by the Branch of this Association, if one exists in the neighborhood. Do you approve of this idea?

3. Have you any suggestions as to the Province being divided into large districts, each under the control of a capable Fishery Inspector, who would be responsible for his district? Would you recommend these Officers being changed from district to district occasionally?

4. What is your opinion as to whether or not the local Fishery Overseers should be allowed, on their own judgment, to engage assistance for specially urgent cases?

5. Should the Divisional Fishery Inspectors receive a fair living salary and be debarred from having any other occupations?

Combination of Fishery and Game Departments

1. Would you suggest the Game and Fishery Departments being combined and that Fishery Overseers and Game Wardens do common duties?

2. What appliances, such as boats, etc., would you recommend being given to such Officers in your District?

3. Are you in favor of recommending to the Government that in the appointment of Divisional Inspectors or those in charge of a large district, only those persons peculiarly fitted, by experience knowledge, etc., be appointed?

4. It has been suggested that the Officers of each Branch of the Association, or any members of each Branch recommended by the Officers and Executive Committee, be appointed Fishery Overseers and Game Wardens by the Government without salary, provided that such Officers or Members recommended, appear before the nearest County Judge, who would be requested by the Government to satisfy himself that their knowledge of the law, as is applied to fish and game, was sufficient to warrant their appointment. What is your opinion as to this?

5. Would it tend to the better enforcement of the game laws if the Government were to empower all Fire Rangers and Cullers in its employ with the same authority as the Game Wardens?

Transportation of Fish by Common Carriers

1. Are you satisfied with the existing system of inspection of fish carried by Express Companies and other common carriers? If not, would you recommend more rigid inspection of all fish in transit at the border or at point of shipment?

2. Have you any scheme to suggest by which the Express and Freight Agents could assist in preventing the illegal shipment of fish and game?

3. In view of the fact that Game is illegally transported from this country, and that partridge, especially, are sold in the markets of New York and other cities, have you any suggestion or recommendations to make as to the prevention of the same?

4. If, in your opinion, most of the depletion of our Inland Waters of game fish has been caused by the illegal export of the same, and much of the slaughter of Partridge and Duck is due to the same cause, would you recommend the Government employing a special officer or officers, whose duties it will be to watch the points along the border where the common carriers cross?

License Fees

1. Do you recommend all non-residents of the Province being charged a rod-license to fish? If so, how much? At present it is \$2.00.

2. It is pointed out that if a rod-license of \$1.00 or \$2.00 at least, is charged, a large amount of money would be obtained by the Government, and the shipping coupon question would be more easily arranged, besides giving the Government statistics as to the number of persons who came from outside to fish in the Province. If you recommend a license fee, have you any scheme to suggest as to the practical collection of the same?

Sportsmen, Non-Residents of the Province taking Game Fish out of it

1. Have you any suggestions as to a tag being issued by the Government, without which no fish could be taken over the border by visiting sportsmen?

Licensing of Guides

1. Do you suggest the Government licensing all those who make a business of acting as guides to fishermen or hunters? If so, what amount of fee would you recommend?

2. If Guides were licensed by the Government would you make them responsible for parties employing them breaking the regulations, in the event of their not reporting the same? And giving them the same powers as Fishery Overseers and Game Wardens?

3. It has been suggested that, failing the Government licensing Guides, each Branch of the Association, situated at points like Bobcaygeon, where a great many Guides live who are employed for several months in the season, issue recommendations to capable guides and place a list of such guides in the hotels, etc. By this means it has been thought that any guides who glaringly broke the regulations and encouraged others to do the same, could be more or less controlled. What is your opinion as to this?

Cold Storage and Possession of Game and Game Fish

1. Would you recommend the following law being passed: No Game or Game Fish of any description shall remain in any

Cold Storage Warehouse or in the possession of any one for more than fifteen (15) days after the date of the close of the open season for such Game or Game Fish.

2. Are you in favor of prohibiting the sale or possession, or offering for sale, of any Game or Game Fish in the Province of Ontario during the Close Season for that Game or Game Fish in Ontario no matter where such come from? Have you any suggestions to offer on such matters?

The Branches are informed that the laws of the State of Minnesota prohibit entirely the cold storage at any time of all fish and game and also allow no Spring Duck-shooting.

Trespass

1. Are you in favor of a more stringent trespass law? If so, what would you suggest?

Unorganized Districts

The present Game Commission have suggested that the term "Settler" shall be considered to mean a bona-fide farmer. Are you in favor of this, and do you think that any change should be made in the present laws in reference to the rights of settlers in unorganized districts?

Big Game

DEER

1. Are you in favor of the present Close Season? If not, what would you suggest?

2. Are you in favor of allowing hunting with dogs? Please debate fully this question, whether for or against the practice.

3. Are you in favor of a law permitting the search of lumber camps for venison, caribou and moose meat, and holding the jobber and license holder both liable in heavy fine if any such meat is found?

4. Are you in favor of the entire prohibition of the hunting of moose or caribou for a term of five years, or one year in every five years?

5. Are you satisfied with the present regulation as to the number of deer allowed to be killed by one person?

6. In the Game Laws of the Province of New Brunswick 5 Edward VII A.D. 1905, C. 27, has been inserted the following:—

"No person shall bring or carry in or upon any forest, wood or other resort for moose, caribou or deer, any gun or other firearm, between the thirtieth day of November in any year and the fifteenth day of September in the year following, without first having obtained from the game warden a permit so to do, which permit shall only be granted for good cause shown."

Do you approve of the above clause for Ontario?

7. An amendment to the Game Act in New Brunswick, 1905, contains the following clause:—

"No person shall be appointed or continue to act as deputy, special or other warden until he shall first have passed an examination, to the satisfaction of the Surveyor General or such other person as he may appoint to hold such examination, as to his knowledge of woodcraft, the habits and resorts of game animals, the provision of the different Acts for the protection of game and such other subjects and matters as the Surveyor General may by order to be made in that behalf require. All persons now acting as deputy wardens shall continue to do so until called upon by the Surveyor General to pass the Examination herein-before above required."

Would you recommend Legislation along the above lines for Ontario?

8. Would you permit the exportation of either deer, moose or caribou?

9. Should deer be allowed to be killed in the water?

Game Licenses and Guide Licenses

1. Is the present license fee for residents and non-residents satisfactory?

2. Is the present coupon system for shipment of Game and Fish satisfactory?

3. Would you recommend a license fee being imposed upon each Hound or Dog, used in the woods for hunting Deer? If so, how much?

4. The amendment to the Game Laws of New Brunswick provides Sec. 11 and 12 as follows:—

"No person shall be entitled to a license to accompany in the woods as a guide any person hunting or intending to hunt moose, caribou or deer, unless he is a resident of the Province, and until he shall first have been registered as a guide in the office of the Surveyor General, and a certificate of such registration granted to him under the hand of the said Surveyor General, in such form as the Surveyor General may deem proper, which certificate may be obtained by the person so requiring to be registered, upon his filing in the office of the Surveyor General an application containing such particulars as the

Surveyor General may think proper, such application to be on a printed form to be obtained from the office of the Surveyor General or any game warden. The fee payable for such registration and certificate shall be two dollars, and the said registration and certificate shall continue valid until the same shall be cancelled by order of the Surveyor General upon good cause shown.

"No non-resident of the Province shall enter into or upon any woods, forests or wild lands of the Province for the purpose of hunting or killing any moose, caribou or deer, without being in charge of a registered guide and no registered guide shall at the same time guide or be employed by more than five persons in hunting. Any non-resident or guide violating any of the above provisions shall be liable to a penalty not to exceed fifty dollars and costs for each offence, and be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty days."

Would you recommend Legislation along similar lines for the Province of Ontario?

Railway Construction and Survey Camps

1. Would you recommend calling the special attention of the Government to the certainty of great slaughter among big game and other game and fish, unless special preventative measures be undertaken, where construction and survey camps of the Grand Trunk Pacific or other Railways exist or will exist, and also the danger from fire along the route of the said railway during construction and survey and that if the Government appoints special Fire Rangers to be attached to the camps that these Fire Rangers also act as Game Wardens and Fishery Overseers?

2. It being the practice of foreigners employed as laborers by railway companies especially to carry fire-arms of all descriptions, and to shoot everything possible, even down to insectivorous birds, would you recommend legislation prohibiting the carrying of firearms by any laborers employed on any railroad or other construction or survey work under subsidy from either Dominion or Ontario Government?

Feathered Game

1. Should the Close Season for Ducks be from 15th December to 15th September?

2. Are you in favor of Spring Duck Shooting?

3. Should Gasoline or other launches, or sail boats be permitted to be used for either Duck shooting or routing Ducks ?

4. Should stationary blinds or hides be allowed at a greater distance than one hundred yards from any shore line ?

5. Should any boats or punts be permitted to be used in open water for Duck shooting, or decoys placed at over one hundred yards from any shore line ?

6. Should power boats or sail boats be allowed to be used at not less than one mile from shore for Duck shooting ?

7. Should Plover or other shore birds be shot in Spring ?

8. Are you in favor of a law encouraging the cultivation of quail and snipe, and making it unlawful to shoot either variety for five years ?

9. Would you put a limit on the number of Ducks to be taken by any one gun during the season ?

10. Would you prohibit the shooting of Ducks before 6 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

11. Objection has been made to the present coupon system for the exportation of Ducks. Have you any improvement to suggest ?

Fur Bearing Animals

1. Is the law prohibiting the killing of beaver and otter before 1st November, 1910, satisfactory ?

BEAVER
AND OTTER

2. Do you consider that this law of prohibition is being enforced ?

3. If not, what measures would you suggest to effect the strict enforcement of it ?

4. Are you of the opinion that these furs are being exported to the United States contrary to law ?

5. If so, would you be in favor of the Government having reciprocal relations established between the Canadian and United States customs officers in order to check such unlawful exportation ?

6. Is the present Close Season (taking effect after 1st November, 1906) for these animals satisfactory ?

7. Are you of the opinion that the Government should use more stringent measures for the protection of these valuable animals ?

1. Is the present Close Season for these animals satisfactory ?

MUSK-
RATS

2. Is the clause in reference to having these furs in possession during the Close Season explicit enough ?

MARTEN,
MINK,
FISHER

1. Are you of the opinion that the Government should take steps to regulate the hunting, killing and taking of these valuable fur-bearing animals?
2. If so, what would you suggest as to the Close Season for
 - (a) Mink.
 - (b) Marten.
 - (c) Fisher.
3. Would you suggest the advisability of the Government establishing further preserves for the propagation of these fur-bearing animals?

Possession of Fire Arms and Automatic Shot Guns

1. Are you in favor of the prohibition of the use of Automatic or Machine Shotguns whether for shooting big game or feathered game?
2. Are you in favor of legislation being introduced prohibiting the possession of any firearm in any lumber camps?
3. Are you in favor of the prohibition of the carrying of firearms where big game exists during the whole of the close season for big game?

N.B.—The above question has been inserted at the request of an old hunter and trapper and professional guide, who states that, in his opinion, there is no danger whatever to any person by way of the attack of any wild animal in our Province.

Frogs

1. If in your district there are good Frog Marshes, which, from overhunting for Frogs and the exportation of the same to the United States have almost become depleted have you any recommendation to make as to either the prohibition of the export of frogs or any other method by which their over-killing might be stopped?
2. You must bear in mind that young frogs are a part of the food supply of Bass and Maskinonge.

Distinctive Badge

The Constitution and by-laws, Page 4, provides as follows:—

"A distinctive small badge shall be furnished to the members of the Association to be worn conspicuously, as far as possible, when afield."

Your branch is requested to submit any suggested design for badge at the Convention in September, when it is to be hoped the Committee on that subject will have quite a number to choose from in making a recommendation to the Delegates in Convention.

Notices in Post Offices

Would you recommend the Association asking the Dominion Government to instruct the Post-Masters throughout the Province of Ontario to place conspicuously in the Post-Office the Game Laws and Fishery Regulations, when provided with the same by the Ontario Government or the Association.

Reciprocal Arrangements with United States

1. Do you favor a reciprocal arrangement with the United States looking toward a restriction of the shipping of fish and game illegally captured in the Province, into the United States or from the United States into Canada?



