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S. A. McDonald

THE QUESTION OF SPRING SHOOTING

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Then the question of all fish eating birds came up. It was clearly proven that they were most destructive to our river and brook fish, such as young trout, etc., and should be shot when of any value for stuffing or any scientific purpose. These would comprise the gull, kingfish, shell duck, crane, etc. Some were of the opinion they should be shot at all seasons, the same as the crow, hawk, owl, etc, but the meeting decided two months close season sufficient, during hatching time; then they only be shot for scientific purposes when of some value. The following resolutions were put to the meeting and unanimously carried:—

Whereas, it is the opinion of this meeting, to close down spring shooting in this province, would be detrimental and injurious to the best interests of the people of this province, and decidedly in the best interests of those more southern—all winter shooting grounds.

Therefore Resolved that we are opposed to any change being made, from the laws governing spring shooting in this province for years past with wild birds such as geese, brant and all sea ducks, which do not hatch in this province, and only remain a short time passing north.

Further that this meeting is of the opinion that the game laws now in force in this province should be amended.

Therefore Resolved that section 3 subsection H. of said game law be repealed as the birds named in said section are most destructive to small fish. Also that said birds such as gulls, kingfish, sea duck, crane, and all fish eating birds, be shot at any season of the year, when any value for stuffing or any scientific purposes close season to be only two months during hatching, then shot only for scientific purposes.

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A letter was read before the Pownal meeting, from California, by a man who wrote down, to know how those Audubon Society laws were working there. The following is the reply from this cotton mill owner, and merchants of that place.

Sir:—Now as to the Game Protective Society you have, I will say if it is akin to the Audubon Society which is operating in this country, the best thing you people can do is drive them out, and keep them out, for if you do not you will not be allowed, under the laws they will make to shoot game on your own lands, or elsewhere. This crowd came into this state about five years ago and at that time no one could see any harm in them; in fact they were clothed in such profound innocence that no one paid any particular attention to them but after they got into the state they were wanted by the people began to realize what had struck, and at the present time, there is no one here that has any use for the Audubon Society.

They have been instrumental in having some of the most unjust laws passed in a long time against our citizens and benefits the wealthy non-residents. In the last Legislature they introduced a bill to prohibit the shipping out of the state any wild fowl at all but several of us went up to Raleigh and had this bill buried so deep that I trust it will never be resurrected.

The object for this as to destroy the demand for wild fowl, and they well know that no one would want to kill only a limited number for sport. This being so they come down here and shoot until their shoulders got so sore they couldn't shoot any longer. I cannot see that the wild ducks got any scarcer, or that they are any harder to kill than they were years ago; you know what deays are just as well as the man who puts them out, and it is only very thick, cold or windy weather that they kill many.

If you remember the Atlantic Ocean is very near Currituck South and when things get too hot for the duck he just simply flies across the beach and sits in the sea all day. Under those conditions I cannot see that they need much sustenance. At night he comes back and gets his protection, and I am quite sure that you do not want any of the brand of protection that this Game Protective Society can give.

They also claim the right to police the water and enforce the game laws, and we have in this immediate vicinity, no less than six game wardens. Some of them are people who never saw a duck in their lives, until they come to Currituck. Do not take any stock in them. They will tell you a whole lot about game getting scarcer and about the threatened extinction of the wilderness and a whole lot of other high sounding "guff" and collectively they will make out a very plausible case why protection should be made, but underneath this fine tale, there is a vein of selfishness, which when closely analyzed reveals the object in view.

The above was explained to the meeting by a man who spent several winters in that country, and to show where we may profit by the experience of those southern people. It was the opinion of this meeting that when those foreigners writing articles in their sporting papers, and visit our country advising Canada how to make their game laws, they should be told to so adjust their own laws as to be acceptable to their own people. Canada can make laws to suit her own interests, for we can rest assured they have something smart in view, behind it all.

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