

## Drastic Changes In Hunting Laws Are Foreshadowed

### Rezoning of Big Game Territories by Legislature Possible

**R**EZONING of territories with regard to big-game hunting, the shooting of ground game, and angling will be undertaken by the Legislature this session.

It is not anticipated that a "rod license" for fishing will be considered seriously, demand not being sufficiently concrete. Angling seasons may be changed—in some areas advanced, in some shortened and, in some cases, lengthened.

#### Existing Areas.

Reference to "zoning" was made in the debate yesterday by J. L. Houck, in moving the address in reply, and there is strong possibility of important changes evolving with regard to big game. At present there are four designated areas: (a) North of the National Transcontinental Railway, (b) between that line and the C.P.R. Transcontinental, (c) south of the C.P.R. and north of the French and Mattawa Rivers, (cc) south of "c." Climate variations will govern, and "b" zone particularly may require subdividing, to provide more suitable conditions.

Provision may be made to open the partridge season at different times. If birds are plentiful, shooting may be allowed at Thanksgiving time in some areas for those who like to go ahead of the deer season; also in the deer season there may be two spells of three days each allowed for taking partridges. The deer season may be made twenty days with ten-day license periods and three partridge days allowed in each period.

For angling, the trout season, now from May 1 to Sept. 15, an earlier opening and closing may be considered—April 15 to Sept. 1, for instance, in the lower parts of the Province. Farther north, where waters cool earlier and trout spawn earlier, the season may open April 1 and run to Aug. 15.

#### Regulations for Bass.

Bass being spring spawners, it is unlikely any earlier opening than July 1 will be made, and this probably will be made to apply to the St. Lawrence River area (now June 15), because of an agreement with the State of New York, recently arrived at. In the St. Clair-Detroit River region the opening date must remain at June 15 to meet the Michigan laws. It would be unfair to Ontario anglers to hold them in leash for fifteen days after the opposite shores of the same waters had been fished.

A month may be taken off the duck season by fifteen days' later opening and fifteen days' earlier close. The season may close generally not later than Dec. 1.

A contemplated change in the moose law may require that at least the hindquarters be brought out with the head. The present law requires that meat be not allowed to "waste," but it is not always observed. It is stated that 90 per cent. of American hunters come only for "trophies." There is no thought of creating undue hardship, and it may not be necessary for a hunter to ship the hindquarters home along with the head or antlers, but he must produce hindquarters before the Government agent as proof of his bona fides. The "trophy" part may then be released for shipment. The meat, if not desired, can be shipped by the agent to charitable or other institutions, and the assurance against waste will be a fact.

Dates and limits and areas for pheasants and grouse will depend on the numbers of these birds. Open zones, however, may be less restricted in area than heretofore, as the "congestion" of shooters on open days has been a source of local complaints.

## Three in Caucus Back Heighington

### Conservatives Hold Warm Private Debate on House Episode

An hour's warm debate in caucus by Conservative M.P.P.'s as a result of Wilfrid Heighington's outburst in the Legislature yesterday over the Hepburn-Henry clash produced a mixed result. At least three members at the informal caucus are understood to have supported Mr. Heighington, while others joined in criticizing him.

Another member of the party to receive criticism, it is understood, was Col. T. A. Kidd, M.P.P. for Kingston, who was taken to task in some parts of the caucus for the resolution which precipitated the entire situation—the resolution regarding King George's approaching jubilee.

## U. of T. Has Credit Balance of \$64,761

The Ontario Legislature was advised yesterday that the University of Toronto had a credit balance of \$64,761 in operating expenses for the year ending June 30, 1934. The information was contained in a report from the Board of Governors tables in the House. Gross revenue for the year was placed at \$2,670,000, which included a legislative grant of \$1,000,000 and a supplementary grant of \$150,000. The report placed the market value of investments approximately \$604,000 in excess of book value.