

OPPOSE MOVE FOR HUNTING ON SABBATH

**Sportsmen, Themselves, Not
Not in Favor of Extension
of Privilege, Fearing Bad
Repute Through Ontario**

ROD LICENSE URGED

While the question of Sunday shooting, raised yesterday in the Legislature Fish and Game Committee at Queen's Park, may again be brought before the committee today, it was reported that the Hepburn administration was unalterably opposed to any extension of gunning privileges to the Sabbath.

Sportsmen themselves, at yesterday's informal meeting with the committee members, indicated that they would not favor any concerted drive for Sunday shooting. William Gastle, Fruitland, honorary president of the Ontario Hunters' Association, was outspoken in his opposition. Such a move, he said, would put sportsmen in bad repute.

"We'd go down with an awful bump if we try that," he said. "I hope we have not come down to that level. I hope we never have the question brought up again."

The issue arose when J. M. Cooper (Lib., Sudbury) suggested the committee might obtain views on Sunday shooting from the delegations present.

Hon. Harry Nixon, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Fish and Game, advised the Northern Ontario Tourist Trade Association that the government would consider its request for the abolition of the 60 cents royalty on bears taken as trophies.

Urges Planes Be Used.

Northern Ontario spokesmen urged that the provincial air service planes, used for forestry patrol in the summer, be employed during the winter months for game laws enforcement. They pointed out that observers were able to detect with ease the operations of illegal hunters by their tracks in the snow.

Committee members elected W. L. Miller (Lib., Algoma Manitoulin) as chairman. Mr. Nixon advised the committee interest in hunting and fishing was increasing yearly. Last year, the department distributed a record number of game birds and that this year, 30,000, chiefly pheasants, would be distributed.

More full-time overseers were asked for Kenty County by Howard Clark, vice-president of the Kent County Sportsmen's Association. He asked that all waters, marshes and lands outside normal high water mark along the shores of Lake St. Clair and all waters in and adjacent to Kent be declared Crown lands for public hunting and fishing and that existing leases be cancelled. Mr. Nixon advised that many of the leases were granted by the Federal Department of Indian Affairs.

Essex County sportsmen asked for restrictions on the number of jack rabbits which could be killed and exported to United States. An education campaign among young people on conservation was advocated by Jack Griffiths, Freeman,

spokesman for the Lincoln, Welland and Halton sportsmen. This move was also advocated by H. W. Hunsberry, Jordan Station, spokesman for the Ontario Hunters' Association. He asked for an increased bounty on wolves and that only British subjects be granted resident hunting licenses.

Ask Fishing Licenses.

He claimed fishermen seemed to be favored in department expenditures over hunters and he suggested a rod license would produce a revenue of \$150,000 a year. There was, he said, no reason why anglers

should not be licensed the same as hunters.

Northern game wardens were unable to cover the large territories assigned to them, claimed A. J. Sanson, Sudbury Fish and Game Association. Robert Burns, Sault Ste. Marie, said deer and moose were becoming increasingly scarce in Southern Algoma and he suggested illegal hunting by Indians and others, wolves and fires was responsible.

Complaint that the \$25 deer license and \$40 moose license for United States hunters was too high was made by Earl J. Wilford of the Kent Canadian Club, Kent, Ohio, who said members had a lodge in Haliburton.

"There's no complaint about the price of liquor," suggested Mr. Nixon.

Mr. Wilford agreed and added he was petitioning for a fee reduction only in the case of members who held club property in Canada.