

PRESERVATION OF QUAIL.—A movement has been set on foot to ascertain the feelings of sportsmen with regard to giving Quail 12 months' liberty. Many true sportsmen are of opinion that, in view of the woful decrease in the numbers of this fine game bird, some legislative action should be taken to allow them total protection until 1st May, 1908. Should it be found that the consensus of opinion tends towards such an end, steps will be taken to bring the matter before the Tasmanian Parliament during the coming session. Among the suggestions thrown out by writers in the press on the subject are, that there should be a game licence for persons wishing to shoot for market purposes, and that there should be a gun tax. It is thought that such would have the effect of lessening the number of irresponsible pot-hunters. Some years ago Quail were afforded two years' protection, with very good effect.—FRANK M. LITTLER. Launceston, 4/7/1906.

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