

BLOOMING POINT

by Andy Dean

Blooming Point is a golden strand
Of shining, shifting, sandy dunes
That slope and sweep
And soar majestically,
Gliding gracefully, -
Down to the sea.

Blooming Point is a surging wave.
A swelling surf,
And breakers rolling,
Splashing, tumbling,
Lapping lightly
On the gently sloping,
Curving of the shore.

Blooming Point is a peaceful beach
Of gulls, and creatures
Of the ocean.
Jellyfish, mussels, crabs and clams.
Lobster claws and strands
Of seaweed, Irish moss,
And stones of sandy red.

Blooming Point is salt-water marsh
Of leathery leaf of goldenrod.
Bayberry bush and sweet gale shrub
Dragonfly and damselfly
Iris, blue - and red-winged blackbird
Toad and toadstool,
Lichen, frog.
And in the boggy soil
The cranberries grow
And a million spiders, spin their webs.

Blooming Point is fresh water pond
Ducks, black, - and cattails tall
Alder catkins, rush and sedge,
And along the edge,
The skeletons of trees
That sadly drowned, and stand bereft
Of life, but somehow strangely dignified,
And silhouetted guard the home
Of yellowthroat and song sparrow
Bittern, heron, goose, merganser,
Goldeneye, - and grebe.

Blooming Point is green savannah
Waving grasses, farmers pasture,
Maple trees, and tract of fir and spruce.
Willows, ferns, - woodpeckers
Black-capped chickadees
Juncos, warblers, robins, strawberries
Violets, asters, bunchberries, blueberries,
Cloudless days and brilliant skies.
Blooming Point, - is Paradise!

ISLAND NATURE TRUST

The Island Nature Trust has appointed Diane Griffin to the position of Executive Director of the Trust. Mrs. Griffin has been the Natural Areas Co-ordinator for the province of Alberta since 1977, but has taken a leave of absence from that position to return to her native province.

For the next year the priorities of the Island Nature Trust will be acquisition of natural areas, creation of public awareness of the importance of having such areas maintained in a natural state and provision of biological information on a contractual basis to the Department of Energy and Forestry on woodland natural areas. Woodland natural areas possess at least one of the following characteristics:

1. uncommon or rare species such as at Royalty Oaks
2. very old or large trees such as found in Townshend Woodlot
3. an association of trees and other plants that are representative of the original majestic forests that covered the Island

Anyone who is aware of any woodland that exhibits these characteristics is asked to contact the Island Nature Trust at Beaconsfield, 2 Kent Street in Charlottetown or to phone 892-9127.