

photographed on Blooming Point sand bar and was entitled "Here Only the Sea Shall Speak". Mr. Gray also spoke about other Natural History Societies and their interests such as birds, flowers, trees, fungi, minerals, etc.

Stanley Vass, director of the Fish & Wildlife Division of P.E.I. Department of Fisheries, spoke stressing the urgency of preserving large areas to provide a suitable environment for the various species of wildlife.

Mr. Vass noted that a great part of the attraction the Island holds for visitors is its relatively unspoiled naturalness. Many forces are working toward the destruction of the quality of this natural environment. This includes the great number of summer visitors themselves, and the services and accommodation that are being provided. Urban sprawl, the encroachment of summer homes, the acquisition of marshland and wilderness by private interests, agricultural practices, road building, construction, etc., these are taking their toll and are making the Island a less suitable home for wildlife--hence the need for reserved areas.

The next meeting was called for Thursday, November 13. Until then Bob Gray was appointed interim President, and Margaret Mallett interim Secretary - Treasurer.

Eighteen persons paid membership fees of \$1.00 each.

The members also agreed to have a nature walk at Cavendish on Saturday morning, Nov. 1.

Of the 18 charter members of the Natural History Society of P.E.I. we have the names of only 14: Ruth I. Ross, Robert Gray, Margaret E. Mallett, M. Vera Beck, Randy L. Dibblee, Nelson G. Hurry, Andre Lavoie, Thomas M. Lothian, Eleanor M. Lowe, Wendall MacKay, Bruce C. Pigot, William A. Reddin, Rev. James Stahr, and Stanley Vass. (It would be appreciated if the names of the other four presumed charter members could be supplied to complete this list.)

The present Natural History Society is actually the third to exist in this province. The first, The Prince Edward Island Natural History Society, was formed a century ago on March 26, 1889, in the time of P.E.I. naturalist Francis Bain. The second, the Prince of Wales Natural History Society, was formed in the late winter of 1966, before the merging of Prince of Wales College with Saint Dunstan's University to become the University of Prince Edward Island in April 1969.

MONTHLY MEETINGS, EXCEPT IN SUMMER

The first regular meeting of the present society was held Thursday, November 13, 1969 in Room "C" at the Y.M.C.A., Charlottetown. In the absence of Bob Gray, Ruth I. Ross conducted the meeting. Five new members joined the group. It was decided to hold our meetings on the the first Thursday of each month, except on a holiday, in which case, on the second Thursday. The Society agreed to continue to meet at the Y.M.C.A. paying \$3.00 rent per meeting for the room.