

ROUSAY - YORK LAKES

At the completion of the Rousay Lakes water restoration project, referred to in the last issue of the "Blue Jay," a banquet was tendered to the officials of Ducks Unlimited in the Yorkton Hotel on Friday, Nov. 20, by the Yorkton and District Board of Trade and the Yorkton Fish & Game League. During the speeches which followed the dinner, B.W. Cartwright, Chief Naturalist for Ducks Unlimited pointed out how fortunate Yorkton was to have a water area so close to the city as the Rousay-York Lake chain. Few places have anything like it. He suggested the Fish and Game League and the Yorkton Natural History Society combine to form a "Wild Life Management Committee" to look after wild life interests in the area. The creation of such a committee is now under consideration and Mr. Cartwright has promised to come up early next spring to start us off. Mr. Cartwright had previously written to the secretary of the Natural History Society suggesting that it would be an interesting piece of work for the society to record the changes in wild life brought about by the restoration of the water level at the Rousay Lakes.

JUNIOR AUDUBON SOCIETIES

We would like to draw to the attention of teachers and others interested in fostering a love of nature in the younger generation, to the advantages of forming an Audubon Junior Club. (The Audubon Society is the nation-wide bird organization in the United States). "Canadian Nature," 177 Jarvis St., Toronto, Ont. now receives registration for clubs in Canada. To form a Junior Audubon Society it is necessary to enroll ten or more members. Club dues are ten cents per member. In return each member receives a button, six leaflets describing a bird common to the geographic location of the club and six colored plates of these birds. In addition the adult advisor of each club receives the club paper "News on the Wing" and a special leaflet "Things To Do" containing many practical suggestions for these activities.

There are already several Junior Audubon Clubs organized in Saskatchewan. We should like to hear from them all and we might perhaps devote a page of the "Blue Jay" to the activities of these groups.

OBITUARY

It was with great regret that Saskatchewan naturalists heard of the death of Reuben Lloyd on Oct. 16, 1942 at the age of seventy-one. The late Mr. Lloyd had made several important contributions to the wild life records of the province and for many years the bird sanctuary on his farm near Davidson had attracted, not only hundreds of birds, but also hosts of interested visitors. In a Leader Post editorial it was stated "Mr. Lloyd will long be remembered by sportsmen of the province for his good work as a member of the fish and game advisory committee and as a man whose hospitality and capacity for friendship was unlimited." To the family and close friends of the late Mr. Lloyd the Yorkton Natural History Society tenders its sincere sympathy.