

THE BLUE JAY

The official organ of the Yorkton Natural History Society continued in loving memory of the founder, our first President and Editor, the late Isabel M. Priestly.

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To foster an active interest in every branch of nature study, and to promote the conservation of all wild life; also to act as a connecting link between nature lovers in Saskatchewan.

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Y.N.H.S. NOTES

The January meeting of the Yorkton Natural History Society was held in the council chambers of the city hall on Jan. 28, with an attendance of 84 people, the largest number to attend any of the meetings so far this season.

Films were shown by George Du Pre, Winnipeg, land negotiator, assisted by George Campbell, Regina, engineer, both employees of Ducks Unlimited.

Mr. W.J. McDonald, presided as chairman and Mr. D.R. Ball, who introduced the speakers, said both Mr. Du Pre and Mr. Campbell had done a great deal of work last summer on the Cussed Creek project near Yorkton.

In a preliminary talk, Mr. Du Pre stressed the need for conservation and told of the character building qualities of nature study.

A colored film entitled "The Big Marsh Lives Again" showed how land in Manitoba drained during the early land boom, was reclaimed by Ducks Unlimited in 1938 to again become a sanctuary for wild fowl and animals.

The film depicted how floods, predators, fires and drouth destroyed wild ducks on breeding grounds before the ducklings can fly, and the corrective measures employed by Ducks Unlimited to offset the loss.

Mr. Du Pre asked the co-operation of all Canadians in protecting wild life, so that future citizens may enjoy seeing and studying birds and animals in their native haunts. Mr. F. Langstaff, on behalf of the society, moved a vote of thanks.

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Readers of the "Blue Jay" will join us in extending congratulations and best wishes to our Associate Editor Mr. Fred Bard on his appointment as Director of the Provincial museum, succeeding Mr. Fred Dunk. We are sure that under Mr. Bard's capable direction the good work of the museum will continue to ever greater achievements.