

Blue Jay Chatter

LLOYD T. CARMICHAEL, Editor

The following two letters are self explanatory. I submit them for your consideration in the hope that the matter will be thoroughly discussed by members in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, in our next issue. Such discussion will greatly influence any action that may be taken at our annual meeting.

1719-13th Avenue West
Calgary, Alberta

April 5, 1954

Mr. Lloyd T. Carmichael,
1077 Garnet Street,
Regina, Saskatchewan

Dear Mr. Carmichael:

For some time past the Calgary Naturalists' Club has been interested in establishing and maintaining contact with similar groups throughout the province. The logical means is a regular publication containing the activities of the various members. To date nothing concrete has materialized.

We note the suggestion in The Blue Jay that if there were sufficient subscribers in Alberta and Manitoba consideration might be given to changing the name of the "Saskatchewan Natural History Society" to "Prairie Nature History Society," and the present quarterly publication would cover the three provinces. This would be an excellent idea.

The Calgary Naturalists' Club would welcome the opportunity to extend its field beyond the province by exchanging news with Saskatchewan and Manitoba through the medium of your publication, with regular contributions from members. Perhaps one person could be responsible for all the contributions from Alberta and one for all those from Manitoba; sub-editors, as it were, to assist in handling the added details these letters and articles would make. It could be one of your staff, or a club member from each of the two provinces to whom contributions could come first for assembling and a certain amount of editing. I cer-

tainly would be willing to do all I can for Albertan Natural History groups until such time as it is possible to elect a proper representative.

We would be glad to hear from you.

Yours sincerely

Miss Margaret J. Cope
Sec'y., Calgary Naturalists' Club

April 17, 1954

Miss Margaret J. Cope,
1719-13th Ave., West
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Miss Cope:

I am confident that the Saskatchewan Natural History Society will be pleased to co-operate in any way it can with naturalists and natural history societies in Alberta and Manitoba, so that the "Blue Jay" could act as a medium to combine the various organizations and groups into one central prairie group.

There has been considerable opposition to the suggestion of a change of name for our publication, but I feel that the changing of the name of the Society may not be strongly opposed. Of course, I am just expressing my personal opinion.

I would be pleased if you would draw up a definite proposition so that we could present it at our annual meeting, which will be held in October. A similar proposition from some group in Manitoba would greatly influence the decision as to any future change.

Yours very truly

Lloyd T. Carmichael