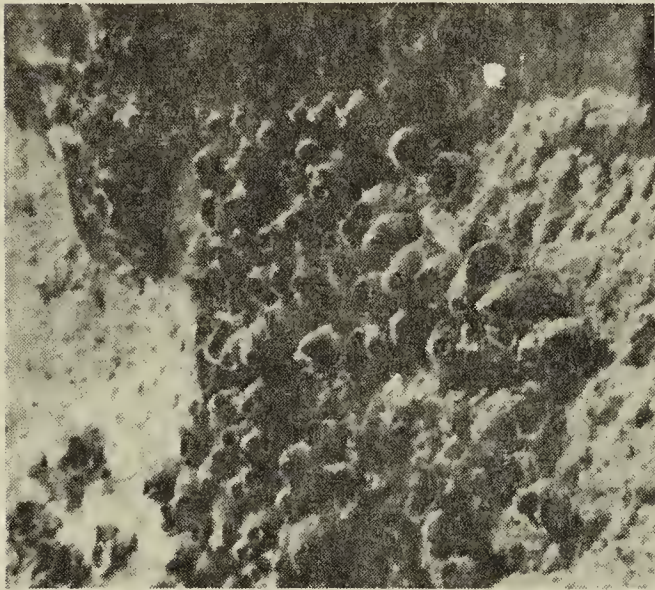


Bank Swallows

By Tony Capusten, Prince Albert



On the north bank of the North Saskatchewan River, about five miles west of the forks is a colony of Bank Swallows. They appear from year to year, about May and often use the old nests.

The swallows seem to have a fairly continuous building program, flying down to the water's edge and filling their beaks with soft mud, then back up to their partly completed nests.

The diet of these birds seems to consist mostly of insects which they catch by swooping at high speeds with their mouths open.

Migration Routes Change

By Arthur Ward, Swift Current

As is often the case, climatic conditions are a great factor in the choice of the route taken by migratory birds. This is observed every spring. The few Juncos and Tree Sparrows went north in early April, but none of the White Crowns, Fox, Harris and Clay-coloured Sparrows that were being trapped and banded up to the 15th of May last year have been seen yet (April 27).

The Sandhill Cranes are going north in the usual numbers. Four Whooping Cranes were reported seen four miles south-east of Swift Current and six more were observed in the north-west.

While much value, in the matter of conservation, is placed on the shrubbery growing along the creeks and coulees of the prairie, depletion of much of this is attributed to the beaver, taking advantage of the innumerable sloughs to travel from the rivers. Saskatoon groves, poplars and other vegetation have suffered in this respect. One farmer resident reported that he counted 100 beavers within the length of one mile along the creek.

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