

THE EDITOR'S DESK

To each of our readers at this time we wish a Merry Christmas, together with the hope that the New Year will bring added happiness in a closer association with Nature and with the countless gifts which she has to bestow.



With this issue of the BLUE JAY you will have received the fourth since we took our place at this Desk. In spite of our many short-comings, we hope that you have enjoyed Volume VII. With the active assistance of each reader, we will endeavour to make the issues of 1950 much better and a step nearer to that ideal which we feel should be attained in the publication of a Provincial Nature Bulletin.

Now that winter is with us, do not feel that Mother Nature, like the bears and gophers, has gone into hibernation and has nothing to disclose until the warm sun of spring appears again. There will be countless and interesting observations to be made and recorded. Send us an account of them, so that all may enjoy with you those experiences.

Makes a special effort during the last week of the year to participate in the Christmas bird census. In this manner only can records be compiled which will give us an over-all picture of the prevalence and distribution of our residents and winter visitants.

We have been asked several times why this Bulletin has been given the name BLUE JAY, fact that to the majority of our readers the Blue Jay is seldom or never seen.



We will agree with Taverner that although these birds are noisy, mischievous, inquisitive, intelligent and alert. Most of our members belong to the latter category; but surely this name was not given because of a fancied resemblance of nature lovers to the former. No, that was not the

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In the second issue of the BLUE JAY, Mrs. Priestly gave the reason. "We chose the name BLUE JAY for our little paper because it was "Sammy" Blue Jay, in the Burgess Bedtime Stories who always carried the news to the "Little People of the Green Forest and Green Meadows" and "Sammy" has always been a very real personage to some of us."

We hope that the Bulletin will continue to be a carrier of those intriguing tales of Nature to all who find joy and pleasure in the great out-of-doors.