

GENERAL NOTES

The Provincial Museum has received a constant stream of interested visitors ever since its reopening on January 11. Up to the middle of March, 4613 persons had visited the Museum with an average Sunday attendance of 309 - a still greater number are expected as road conditions improve. Classes or groups from country schools accompanied by a teacher will be particularly welcome.

Guest speaker at the March meeting of the Yorkton Natural History Society was J.W. (Jack) Arnott, a new member of the Bee Division staff at Fort Qu'Appelle. Mr. Arnott substituted for Roy M. Pugh, Provincial Apiarist, who at the last minute was unable to keep his date with us owing to an unexpected call to Ottawa. The meeting was open to the Yorkton bee keepers; and naturalists and bee keepers alike thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Arnott's talk on "Bees" and his comments on the very fine "movies" belonging to the Bee Division.

Judge L.T. McKim, Honorary President of our Yorkton Society, has been giving most interesting nature talks every Monday at 8:30 p.m. over Radio Station C.K.B.I., Prince Albert.

A very good "write-up" of the activities of the Regina and Yorkton Natural History Societies appeared in Western Producer for February 21. It was illustrated by a photograph of members of the Regina Society labelling shrubs in their wildlife sanctuary, Hidden Valley, on the south side of Qu'Appelle Valley near Kennel Church.

"In Woods and Streams", weekly nature column of the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix was one year old on March 17. Conducted by W.H. Moor, Saskatoon, the aim of this column is "to foster better acquaintance between rural and city communities and to encourage school pupils in the observance and protection of wildlife". The enthusiastic response, particularly from country schools, is further indication of the keen interest that is being taken in native wildlife at the present time.

Dick Bird, A.R.P.S., F.Z.S., Regina, left early in March for a lecture tour in the United States and Eastern Canada, and will be showing his colour motion pictures of Saskatchewan birds and animals in Minneapolis, Madison, Chicago, Buffalo, and other cities..

An effort is being made to have April 10, the late Jack Miner's birthday, set aside as National Bird Day, both to commemorate the work of Jack Miner and to stress the value of bird life to the Dominion. The idea was first mooted some years ago to honour Jack Miner during his lifetime by that staunch supporter of the West, John MacNichol, M.P., Toronto. Fred Bard hopes to arrange a window display in Regina for April 10 this year.