

BIRD LIST OF NIPAWIN

Last July we published a mimeographed bird list for the Yorkton area. This summer we are publishing a much more comprehensive list compiled by M.G. Street for the Nipawin district. Nipawin is situated on the Saskatchewan River and lies just at the junction of the prairie farm belt and the northern timber country and therefore offers great opportunities for "birding." Mr. Street has been keeping close watch on the birds of this district since 1922 and we feel his list is a most valuable addition to Saskatchewan wildlife records. The earliest, as well as the average, spring migration date is given for each bird listed; also nesting records and notes on the abundance of each species. Copies of this list, which will be ready early in August, may be obtained for ten cents from C. Stuart Houston, Box 642, Yorkton, Sask.

MANITOBA N. H. S. 21 YEARS OLD

In 1941 the Manitoba Natural History Society, Winnipeg, celebrated its 21st anniversary, and we have recently received an attractively bound, illustrated bulletin reporting on the society's twenty-one years of work. Few natural history societies can have maintained the continuous high level of activity as has the Manitoba organization. Weekly winter lectures as well as well-organized summer excursions, many of the latter centering round the society's club house at Victoria Beach on Lake Winnipeg, have been among the Society's most successful enterprises. And while encouraging popular interest in nature study, the Society has always fostered original research of real scientific value, especially among its younger members. Most outstanding, however, from a community point of view, has been the important part the Manitoba Natural History Society played in organizing the Manitoba Museum, which was opened in 1939 in the new Winnipeg Civic Auditorium. The Museum now contains a wealth of material illustrating the geology, flora and fauna and ethnology of the Province, much of which was collected by members of the Natural History Society. The Manitoba Society can certainly look back with pride on what it has accomplished in twenty-one years, through the splendid cooperation of its members.

OBITUARY

Citizens of Yorkton heard with deep regret the sudden death of Judge J.M. Patrick, formerly of this city, on June 9. Judge Patrick was a keen naturalist and, although none of the members of our Natural History Society had worked with him, we realize fully how much he did in the interests of wild life in this district. "He was a true conservationist even before many of us realized the necessity of protecting our game birds and animals and contributed in no small way to bringing into effect many measures for their preservation," wrote L.T. McKim in a recent issue of the Yorkton Enterprise. For over twenty-five years Judge Patrick maintained a deer park and bird sanctuary on the western outskirts of Yorkton, but when he moved to Moosomin in 1935 this unfortunately had to be broken up as no one came forward to carry on his project.

Local bird records of interest this spring have been - Magnolia Warbler, May 23; Ring-necked Duck, Pine Siskin, May 29 (Pine Siskins noted feeding on the ground among a patch of dandelions, June 5); Olive-sided Flycatcher, June 5