

## FORESTRY LIBRARY OPENS

The Forestry Division of the P.E.I. Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry has recently completed organizing and storing its information in a small library at the main office Hurry Road, West Royalty.

Most of the information is technical; the majority is published by various governments and concerned industrial and professional organizations. Silviculture, Forest Protection (Pests and Fire), Harvesting, Products and Utilization, Soils, and Management are some of the subjects directly concerned with forestry. There are also publications indirectly concerned with forestry such as wildlife and environment. There are also various professional journals such as Woodland Notes, P.E.I. Envirooneer, American Forests and Forest Science.

Anyone wishing to use this information resource is welcome, as long as the material is kept within the library as the material is not, as yet, prepared for circulation.

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B.Y.O.M. At the November meeting, a light lunch will be offered. To facilitate things it would be appreciated if everyone would bring their own mug (B.Y.O.M.). Thankyou.

## CANADA GEESE DROP IN

On Monday, October 6, a pair of Canada geese, feeling the pressure of the first day of the hunting season, deemed it wise to move to safer grounds. Trading the crowded bay for a spacious garden and the bark of a dog on a leash for the bark of a hunter's gun, the geese settled into their new surroundings.

Many Canada geese use P.E.I. as a stop-over area in their long flight from their northern summering areas to their southern wintering areas. However, not everyone was as fortunate as I to have a pair of geese stop-over in their front yard.

After spending 5 days in my yard, the geese did not return. Hopefully they are continuing their trip southward. BON VOYAGE.

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RACCOON DOG A member of the canine family, the raccoon dog is one of the wild furbearers of northern Europe. This fox-size dog is brownish gray above and yellowish-brown below with dark areas around the eyes from which it gets its name. The raccoon dog was recently brought to Canada from Finland by an Ontario fur farmer who plans to breed the dog for its prized pelt. The fur of the raccoon dog is sold under the name of "ussarian raccoon" or "Japanese fox".

Nature conservationists have criticized the federal and Ontario governments for allowing the introduction of this exotic animal as it could cause destruction to Canadian wildlife.

The C.N.F. is one of the more vocal groups urging that the dogs be returned to Finland. To support their argument examples of other introductions and the results are given. Examples include the introduction of the starling to North American and the resultant destruction of crops and habitat of native birds.  
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