

Act that sets legally enforceable standards for drinking water quality. The recent pollution of the Tusket River in southwestern Nova Scotia by the Rio Algam mine (the Department of Fisheries and Oceans declared Duck Pond and Big Meadow Brooks biologically dead, and doubts have been expressed about the ability of the East Tusket River to continue supporting aquatic life) has brought together naturalists, environmentalists and hunting and fishing groups to fight against the problem.

Petitions were handed out against the proposed Lepreau 2 nuclear plant. According to a recent poll, 72% of New Brunswick citizens are opposed to the construction of a second plant. The government does not seem to be listening, and so the People Against Lepreau 2 hopes to get support from across the Atlantic provinces to make sure it is never built. If you would like to sign (or get others to sign) the petition, you can contact Diane, Dan or myself. A postcard campaign is also planned to make federal and provincial governments aware of our concerns.

Although there was a lot of bad news at the meeting, some positive news was also shared. The AEN has a chance to get funds from Environment Canada, and although there was no consensus on how the money would be spent if the money actually came through, it will no doubt increase communication and awareness among groups and individuals. We were also shown the workings of a computer network linking environmental groups across the country called Alternet. Although it is expensive to use now because it involves long-distance charges to Ottawa while you are on the computer, there soon will be regional numbers to call and that should bring down the costs considerably. It was exciting to think of being able to reach people across the country quickly when you need help or information that you cannot get locally.

The Canadian Environmental Network holds its annual meeting May 8-11 outside of Ottawa. Delegates from across the country will attend (Diane and I are going) and the agenda is built around Wildlife and Wilderness Conservation, "Ecological" or Alternative Economics, and Pollution Problems. The workshops range from Native Views of Conservation to Bio-Dynamic Farming to Wildlife Management in Canada. The last day features meetings with Tom McMillan and opposition environment critics Charles Caccia and Bill Blaikie. I'm looking forward to going and hope to bring back lots of news for the newsletter.

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PEI Science Fair winners

This year Katharine Clough and Geoff Hogan judged the exhibits at the 1987 Provincial Science Fair held at U.P.E.I. Friday, April 3 to award prizes on behalf of the Natural History Society. The following students were awarded prizes by the Society for exhibits with a natural history theme.

FIRST PRIZE: \$50 to Matthew Blanchard, a grade 6 student at Sherwood School for his exhibit on the differences in flight patterns in hawks, falcons and owls.

SECOND PRIZE: \$30 to Jason Cawley and Peter Burka of Elliot River School. The grade 6 students' exhibit on pond life was called Swimming in a Winter Wonderland.

THIRD PRIZE: \$20 to Shirley Miles, a grade 6 student at Greenfield School in Summerside for her exhibit on earthworms.

All of the prize winners will also be given memberships in the Natural History Society. Memberships will also be given to the following students for their exhibits in natural history: Corale Gill, a grade 4 student (shells); Peggy Miles, a grade 5 student at Greenfield School (marvellous mushrooms); Patrick Brunet, a grade 5 student at Elm Street School in Summerside (the primitive Coelocanth).

- Geoff Hogan