

was selected. This logo was made into a crest and sold to the members. A copy was presented to the South Moresby Caravan leaders to put on the Island blanket sent with them for presentation to the Haida elders.

In 1975 the Natural History Society published "Winds of Sea and Wood", a 38 page book of nature articles selected from our newsletter or written especially for the book. It was generously illustrated with appropriate drawings from many artists.

About 1976, our Society purchased the unsold copies of "Our Adventures at Warren Grove", a 62 page book written and illustrated by Mrs. Eileen Stewart's 1975 Grade Five Class of West Kent Street School, Charlottetown.

After our publishing expenses were paid off, any money from book sales was deposited in a separate book account, at higher interest, to accumulate for future publications.

It was very pleasing to pay cash on the barrelhead when our second book, the colouring book "Island Wings" appeared in 1988. It contains 12 of Connie Gaudet's drawings of Island birds in suitable habitat - one bird representative for each month. A commentary on each bird was provided by Geoff Hogan. The book is meant to be educational as well as fun for the children who will be colouring the pictures. The colouring book also contains a table of Spring migration on P.E.I. "Island Wings" is available at Island bookstores including Geoff's "Bird's Eye Nature Store" on Queen Street and at the P.E.I. Museum and Heritage Foundation at 2 Kent Street. Layout, design, notes and additional drawings were donated by "Island Naturalist" editor, Gary Schneider. Ruth Richman coordinated the sales.

## PROVINCIAL EMBLEMS

At the meeting of April 1, 1975 the subject of a provincial bird was discussed and initial steps were taken towards selecting an avian emblem. At this point, Director Wendell MacKay related the facts about how the Pink Lady's Slipper (Cypripedium acaule) finally emerged as the floral emblem of our province. Some years earlier, someone had recommended the Showy Lady's Slipper (C. hirsutum) which was renamed C. reginae about 1949. The Showy Lady's Slipper was proclaimed in the Legislature as the floral emblem on P.E.I. When it became apparent that the Pink Lady's Slipper or Moccasin Flower was far more abundant and therefore a better choice, an amendment was made in 1965 and the Pink Lady's Slipper was proclaimed to be the floral emblem of Prince Edward Island.

In 1976 the Natural History Society sponsored a public vote to select a Provincial bird. The Blue Jay was the winner and was proclaimed the avian emblem for the Province at the Spring session of the Legislature in 1977. In 1987 the Natural History Society worked with the P.E.I. Subsection of the Canadian Institute of Forestry to host and judge a provincial tree contest. The Red Oak was proclaimed the Island's Provincial tree after a vote on eight species of trees that had been nominated by various groups.

## CANADIAN NATURE FEDERATION CONFERENCES

H. Winston Johnston was elected President in 1978. With his experience from various conferences, Winston guided us through the preparation for the annual Conference of the Canadian Nature Federation which began on August 17, 1978 at U.P.E.I. in collaboration with the New Brunswick Federation of Naturalists. The banquet was a lobster supper at New Glasgow on Saturday evening, August 19. Visitors expressed pleasure in visiting Prince Edward