

# Protect scenic roads on P.E.I.

The first five scenic roads were designated under the Planning Act as of Nov. 21, 1987. Seven more have received approval in principle from the provincial government, but must also have approval from local authorities before they can be designated by an order-in-Council. This is expected to occur this winter.

Under the sponsorship of the Hon. Gilbert Clements, the Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs, the Planning Act had been amended in 1987 to allow designation of scenic heritage roads. The regulations would prohibit cutting or removing of trees, shrubbery or plant life from within the right-of-way or any alteration of the landscape of a scenic road.

Two roads were designated in Kings County. One is the portion of the County Line Road commencing at Caledonia and running north for 2.6 kilometres. The other is an unnamed road commencing east of New Perth and running south for 3.1 km to meet the Mellish Road. Queen's County has three roads designated. The first is the Millman road running south from Irishtown for 2 km to meet Route 234. The second is the "Y" shaped road known as the Old Town Road from the junction with Route 239 near Millvale running south to Fredericton Station and including the section running west towards South Granville, being about 7.8 km in total distance. The third road is an unnamed one near St. Patrick's running south from Route 239 for 2 km to meet Route 228.

The above roads were recommended to the Minister by the Island Nature Trust's Scenic Roads and Trails Committee. Reg Porter of the P.E.I. Museum and Heritage Foundation has conducted a study of all potential roads in Prince County. His report will be received by the Committee for further recommendations to the Minister shortly. The Island Nature Trust

plans further work this winter on contacting adjacent landowners to seek their cooperation in protecting the landscapes associated with these roads.

## Roadkill

BY ANN DUTTON

Your poor battered body lies  
On the Highway  
Lifeless; once-handsome fur matted and torn,  
Blood painting the pavement red.  
Were you struck in the  
Grey dawn's half-light, or,  
Transfixed by the headlamps' glare,  
In the small black hours of night?  
Cars in their turn  
Swerve  
To avoid your body and taint  
Of pungent, acrid, musk -  
Your scent that explodes  
On impact with death,  
Saturates the air  
With incredible  
Obnoxious odour.

I mourn your passing with  
A slow sad anger that suspects  
The killing was deliberate.

Soon crows will come  
to rip and tear  
The ripe flesh from bone.  
A feast for scavengers,  
A nuisance to motorists,  
There is no dignity in your dying.

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## New Exec

The Natural History Society has a new executive for 1988. Susan Stephenson is the new president; Dan McAskill remains as vice-president; Teresa Hughes has taken over as recording secretary; Margaret Mallett remains as secretary-treasurer; and Ruth Richman and Geoff Hogan are the new directors. Rosemary Curley is the past-president. The executive would appreciate hearing from members about their concerns and suggestions for outings, speakers, etc. Your input will help make the Society even better in 1988!