

that fall within this group. The Society discussed the issue at its February meeting and will be drafting letters to express concerns over the scientific basis of the study and the further displacement of native birds from bays and rivers they have used for centuries.

## NEWS FROM ABOUT:

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News reports on the Island were suddenly filled with the loss of the trunk portion of Elephant Rock due to storm action the week of January 1st. (adapted from Jan. 6, 1999 Guardian p. 1)

Lea Doan of Rocky Point was selected as one of six young ornithologists (aged 13 to 17) to attend the Doug Tarry Young Ornithologists' Workshop at the Long Point Bird Observatory. There she had the opportunity to obtain hands on experience banding birds and special workshops and field trips including a trip to Backus Woods to listen for owls. This year's camp will be held from July 30th to August 6th. For information and applications, contact Jul Wojnowski, Landbird Programs Coordinator, Bird Studies Canada, P.O. Box 160, Port Rowan ON N0E 1M0 E-mail: lpbo@bsc.eoc.org (LPBO 30:3 Fall 1998)

On January 8th, 1999, a group of heritage-minded business people in collaboration with the Prince Edward Island Museum and Heritage Foundation announced the Millennial Gift initiative. Its goal is to commission the research, writing, and publication of a comprehensive, readable, narrative history of Prince Edward Island in the Twentieth Century through donations from businesses and individuals across the province. The publication goal is August, 2000. If you would like to become involved or provide a donation to this excellent project please contact the Millennium Gift Management Committee, c/o P.E.I. Museum and Heritage Foundation, Beaconsfield, 2 Kent Street, Charlottetown PE C1A 1M6 902-368-6600 or fax 902-368-6608 (adapted from A Millennium Gift brochure).

Good news from southern Ontario - the first Peregrine Falcons in decades produced naturally hatched offspring near Horseshoe Falls in the Niagara gorge. These young birds join other naturally hatched Peregrines from nests in London, Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa (adapted from TFN #479).

A bit over two years ago in October, 1996, the Quebec Labrador Foundation launched a campaign to raise new endowment funds. It is well on its way to the revised target of \$3.5 million from its Canadian and American friends donating or pledging \$2.8 million so far. The interest from these funds will be used to support the four QLF 2000 components, namely, the Sustainable Communities Fund, the Rural Ministry Fund, the Staff Leadership Fund, and the Plant/Equipment Fund. If you would like to help, please send donations to QLF Canada, 1252, ave. McGill College, Bureau 680, Montreal, Quebec H3B 2Y5.

Skunk spray solution? Dan Schneider offered the following formula (developed by a researcher named Krebaum) as an antidote for skunk spray odours when the family pet gets too close. Mix one litre or 3% hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup of baking soda (50 ml), and 1 teaspoon (5 ml) of liquid dish washing soap. Bath the pet who has been sprayed in this mix and rinse well after bathing. (adapted from Nature Canada's "No Nose is Good News" by Dan Schneider in Winter 1998 issue).

The Fatal Light Awareness (FLAP) issued a release on November 20, 1998 calling for approval of a bylaw in the new Toronto megacity. This bylaw would establish mandatory registration and tagging of cat and includes a no trespass provision allowing offending cats to be removed by Animal Control. (adapted from TFN 481, p.12)

Good news from Georgetown! The Georgetown Beautification Committee produced a pamphlet titled "**A Plan for Trees in Our Town**". This pamphlet provides essential information on the why and how of tree planting and notes on soil testing, drainage testing and mature tree care. In addition, the Southeast Environmental Association is working with students in Georgetown to create a community nursery. Georgetown is off to a great start on a tree rejuvenation program for its community. (adapted from information from Bea Mair and the Guardian).