

NEWS AND NOTES

CNF ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE. At its annual meeting and conference in Montreal in May, the Canadian Nature Federation adopted a new slate of officers: President is Diane Griffin of Edmonton and formerly of New Haven, P. E. I. Vice-Presidents are Eric Tull, Sheila Anderson, Dorothy Beckel and Hal Mills. Treasurer is Doug McIntyre and Secretary is David Wake. Also serving on the executive committee are six members at large: Martin Edwards, S. D. MacDonald, John Banks, John Willms, Lois Bateman and George Montgomery. The Natural History Society of P. E. I. has recently appointed Winifred Cairns to act as its representative director to the Federation.

GRASSLANDS NATIONAL PARK. Supporters of the proposed Grasslands National Park in southern Saskatchewan have asked for our help in getting the new park off the ground. The creation of a park would protect a representative area of natural prairie together with its indigenous animal wildlife. Some time ago the Federal and Provincial Governments signed an agreement to investigate establishing the park and the Board of Inquiry recommended park establishment. Negotiations between Saskatchewan and Canada are believed to be essentially complete, but the Federal Cabinet must now approve this agreement before it can be finalized and signed. Naturalists in Saskatchewan fear the new Federal administration may not go ahead with park creation unless strong public support can be demonstrated. Individual naturalists across the country are being asked to write letters expressing support for this park and the hope that it will be established in the near future. The people to write to are Prime Minister Joe Clark and the Minister of the Environment, John Fraser, who is responsible for Parks Canada. A letter or phone call to your M.P. might also help.



CNF SEEKS NEW MEMBERS. The Canadian Nature Federation now has 75 members on Prince Edward Island and is hoping to broaden its base in this province. The organization represents individual naturalists as well as local federations and societies (including the P. E. I. Natural History Society) from across the country. By making use of scientific research, CNF is able to formulate the background to sound policies in the conservation field. It also works to educate Canadians to better understand and appreciate the wild creatures and habitats that form so rich a part of our national heritage. Members receive the colourful quarterly magazine "Nature Canada" which features articles about natural history and keeps them informed on current environmental concerns. More information about CNF and how to join is available from the representative director on P. E. I., Winifred Cairns.