

divisions and local residents had input to the proposal.

The Morell River is one of the largest watersheds on the Island and one of the few remaining in a relatively natural state. The community of Morell has had the foresight to establish a community planning board and yet, this board was not approached or even aware of the proposed subdivision. Luckily, action was taken in time and the development has been halted until adequate assessment of the plan is conducted. The society decided to write a letter to the Morell Community Planning Board expressing its concern and offering support to the local residents.

The program for the November meeting was a resumé of activities at the annual Canadian Nature Federation meeting in London, Ontario during August. Kathy Martin showed slides of field trips to the Bruce Trail, Rondeau Provincial Park and Point Pelee National Park. Diane Griffin, our provincial director, highlighted the decisions made at the directors' meetings. P.E.I. was granted local representation. The P.E.I. Natural History Society was chosen as the institution to appoint this new director. At the November meeting, Kathy Martin was chosen as the first representative director. P.E.I. had lost its right to have a national director, thus we have not gained extra representation, we have merely maintained status quo.

It was decided that the nominating committee to produce next year's executive would be chosen at the December meeting.

The Great Blue Heron - Our Provincial Bird?

Before the Natural History Society adjourned for the summer, it was proposed that we make every effort to designate the Great Blue Heron as our provincial bird. Throughout the past few months there has been correspondence with various agencies and provinces concerning this matter, and as a result, nothing definite has materialized. In the province of Alberta, the Federation of Alberta Naturalists is also attempting the same feat and here is their approach:

" In Alberta, the Federation of Alberta Naturalists originated the proposal, and felt it advisable to have wide public support before approaching the government. The Society developed a short list of eight birds, and asked the assistance of the Provincial Museum in getting the information to a wide audience. An information sheet was sent to all schools in the province, and a news release and a museum exhibit brought the project to the attention of a wide audience. Over 100,000 votes were returned, and the "winner" is being brought to the attention of the appropriate arm of government."

How should we approach it?

- Phil Michael

P.E.I. Land Use Commission

The P.E.I. Land Use Commission is holding public meetings every week on a variety of topics related to land use on P.E.I. Some topics covered so far have been: coastal zone planning, urban sprawl, parks, recreation and tourism, agricultural practices and non-resident ownership of land. These meetings will continue until the end of December, 1974. This is your chance to express your opinions and be exposed to others. Following these public meetings, there will be public hearings in various areas of the Island. The Land Use Commission will then be making major recommendations about future land use on P.E.I. which will be carefully considered by government. These decisions could and probably will have a very real effect on your future. So come, contribute, listen and learn.

The meetings are held on Tuesday nights at the Agricultural Research Station on University Avenue. The specific topics to be discussed each evening will be announced through the media.