

Several years later in May, a friend and I were walking in the woods and came to the former great clump of Mayflowers. There were no blooms there. My companion noticed it also and remarked, "There used to be a lot of Mayflowers here". My reply was, "There certainly were. We should not schedule any more walks for Mayflower time".

I am curious to see again how this second plot is faring. The field where the experimental plot grew has long since become a young spruce forest.

Editor's Note: Refer to inner cover note.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR

- Apr. 21 - The Sound of the Night presentation on frogs, owls, and rails will start at 7:30 P.M. at MacPhail House at Orwell Corner.
- Apr. 29 - The Sound of the Night presentation on frogs, owls, and rails will start at 7:30 P.M. at Rodds Mill River.
- May 2 to 8 - This is National Forestry Week with the theme of Our Common Ground. Contact Ken Mayhew at 368-4707 for information on programs.
- May 3 - Island Nature Trust annual meeting at Ravenwood begins at 7:30 p.m.
- May 4 - The last Society meeting before the summer break will feature the Society's slide contest. The deadline for slide submissions will be about a month before the contest.
- May 8 - The Prince Edward Island Federation of Fly Fishers Ltd. will hold its annual banquet on May 8th at the Howard Johnson's Dutch Inn. Tickets are \$ 17 each and include a free beverage.
- May 29 - Birders are encouraged to head for the fields and dales to participate in the Bain Birdathon. The counts can be made anywhere in the province. Please send reports to the newsletter editor.
- June 5 - 12 - National Environment Week. Watch your local paper for events.
- June 5 - 13 - If you would care to organize a beach cleanup in your area contact ECO-PEI at 566-4696 or Sharon Labchuk at 675-3296 (refer to article on page 13)
- June - The Society is considering a field trip to the Magdalens for birding. Anyone who would be interested should contact Dan McAskill. The estimated cost is unknown at this time.
- July 22 - 25 - The North Okanagan Club will host the 1993 Canadian Nature Federation Conference at Vernon, B.C. The theme will be "From Desert Sands to Alpine Slopes". For further information contact the Club Secretary at Box 473, Vernon, B.C. V1T 6M4
- Dec. 17 to Jan. 3 - Christmas Bird Counts must be held in this period.

#### GLEANINGS FROM THE PAST

collected by Bill Glen

"At Grand River, Lot 56 on the 10th inst., from the Shipyard of Messrs. McAuley & Johnston, a handsome modeled schooner of 45 tons. N.M. called the *Benison*. The *Benison* was drawn the distance of three miles by sixty-two horses, to the enjoyment of a large number of spectators. She is intended for the mackerel fishery, and reflects much credit on the master builder, Capt. Bevan." (excerpted from the *Islander*, May 10, 1867)

"Perhaps one of the busiest spots in the hustling town of Souris is the Klondyke Lumber Mills, H.H. Acorn, proprietor. These mills are at present working night and day to fill orders. Despite the severe winter the usual quantity of timber is on hand at the mills and large quantities are held at the stations along the line of the railway. Conspicuous among the large amount of timber on hand were the large logs used in making cheese boxes, these logs vary in diameter from 16 to 30 inches. We understand that the