PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS 1986-87 HALIFAX CHAPTER

1st Ordinary Meeting, 6 October, 1986

The Wine Industry of Nova Scotia, R, Dial, Grand Pre Wineries, Ltd.

2nd Ordinary Meeting, 3 November, 1986

George's Bank Scallop Fishery, M. Sinclair, Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

3rd Ordinary Meeting, 1 December, 1986

Coal Resources of Nova Scotia. P. Hacquebard, Atlantic Geoscience Centre, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.

4th Ordinary Meeting, 5 January, 1987

Agricultural Resources of Nova Scotia. F. Calder, Agriculture Canada, Nappan, N.S.

5th Ordinary Meeting, 6 April, 1987

Energy Options for Nova Scotia. G. Daborn, Acadia University.

126th Annual General Meeting, 27 April, 1987

Aquaculture in Nova Scotia. R. Drinnan, Fisheries Research Board, Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

VALLEY CHAPTER

1st Ordinary Meeting, 2 February, 1987

The Parrsboro Fossil Remains. R. Grantham, Nova Scotia Museum.

2nd Ordinary Meeting, 9 March, 1987

Advances in Diagnostic Imaging. G. J. Butler, Valley Health Services, Kentville, N.S.

3rd Ordinary Meeting, 6 April, 1987

Acid Rain Update. J. G. Ogden, Dalhousie University.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Nova Scotian Institute of Science was founded in 1862, making it one of the oldest learned societies in Canada.

I am pleased to be able to report that the Institute has come through its 125th year in fine condition. To celebrate its 125th birthday we will be having a special lecture in October, to be given by Stephen Jay Gould, Professor of Geology at Harvard University. Dr. Gould is a world renowned paleontologist, evolutionary biologist, and will come to Halifax specifically to present the lecture to the Institute. I would like to express my thanks to our secretary, Don Gordon, for arranging the visit, and to St. Mary's University for providing the auditorium for the lecture.

During the past year a series of lectures on Resources of Nova Scotia were presented. Seven lectures were scheduled, but two had to be cancelled, one because of illness and the other because of a snowstorm. The lectures that were given are as follows:

The Wine Industry in Nova Scotia - by Rodger Dial The George's Bank Scallop Fishery - by Mike Sinclair Coal Resources in Nova Scotia - by Peter Hacquebard Agricultural Resources of Nova Scotia - by Frank Calder Energy Options for Nova Scotia - by Graham Daborn

An interesting series of lectures has already been organized for next year. As well as Dr. Gould's lecture, others on the following topics have been arranged: the Parrsboro fossil find, acid rain, marine acoustics, microelectronics and computers.

As indicated by the report of the treasurer, Charles Masson, the major expenditure of the Institute is in the Proceedings. We are financially healthy at the moment, but our NSERC publishing grant of \$2000 per annum terminates this year and we will have to seek more funds in the future. The Proceedings continue to publish high quality articles but as the editor, Alan Taylor, has stated, we can always use more good manuscripts. The journal is widely distributed, and the Institute receives many journals by reciprocal arrangement; they are kept in the Dalhousie Science Library under the care of our librarian, Sylvia Fullerton.

Finally, I would like to express my personal thanks, and the thanks of all members of the Institute to those members of the Institute mentioned above, to Don Gordon, the secretary of the Institute, and to all members of the Council.

T. P. Forrest