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In the normal course of events, we disclose information about ourselves in bits and pieces, partly intentionally and partly not. It is so with an institution, and occasionally a deliberate statement may be a corrective. This number of the Newsletter is intended as a pictorial report, a look in at the windows, if you like, of our activities, in our various locations and away from them.

It will serve also as an introduction to our colleagues, visiting in Halifax during the last days of May at the first meeting of the Canadian Museums Association to be held in this area. In fact, their visit is one reason why the present issue of the *Newsletter* takes this form. We hope that it will become just one more souvenir of a very successful and happy Conference down here by the sea.

D. K. Crowdis,

Director, Nova Scotia Museum

MEET THE NOVA SCOTIA MUSEUM!

The Nova Scotia Museum is an organization of many parts of which the MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES and LIBRARY, located on Spring Garden Road in Halifax, form a nucleus. Here extensive *Research Collections* in the fields of entomology, geology, botany and ornithology are housed. In the *Exhibit Area* the emphasis is on natural history with special reference to the province itself. In the *Science Service Centre* visitors may consult the museum naturalist for the identification of specimens.

The Museum of Science includes the first public *Planetarium* to operate in Canada. This was designed, and much of the equipment was installed, by staff members.

School Loans are circulated throughout the province and the Museum sponsors the following *Societies*: the Nova Scotia Bird Society, the Nova Scotia Mineral and Gem Society and the Halifax Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

Travelling Exhibits are frequently constructed and displayed at various provincial points. These have been built in panel form for easy transportation and assembly and have included an adaptation of "The Golden Book of Science" and "Do-It-Yourself — They Did", a display of pioneer implements in which the public could actually participate by using some of the tools themselves. A set of fourteen portable salt-water fish-tanks was also constructed for the purpose of displaying live native fish. These can be set up in small units or in a large semi-circular formation and have been used annually at the Lunenburg Fisheries Exhibition.

The Museum has set up a *Nature Trail* in Point Pleasant Park and it is hoped that this will become a seasonal trail so that features typical of a particular time of year will be especially pointed out to the observer.

The HISTORICAL BRANCH is situated in an appropriate setting on Citadel Hill. Exhibited here are early domestic and farm implements, examples of Nova Scotia architecture, locally manufactured foundry products, furniture, musical instruments and Indian relics. This Branch also contributes to the many extension activities of the Museum. Also in the field of history, three HISTORIC HOUSES are maintained which have a total of 50,000 visitors annually.

In the following pages we endeavor to introduce pictorially some of these aspects of the Nova Scotia Museum.



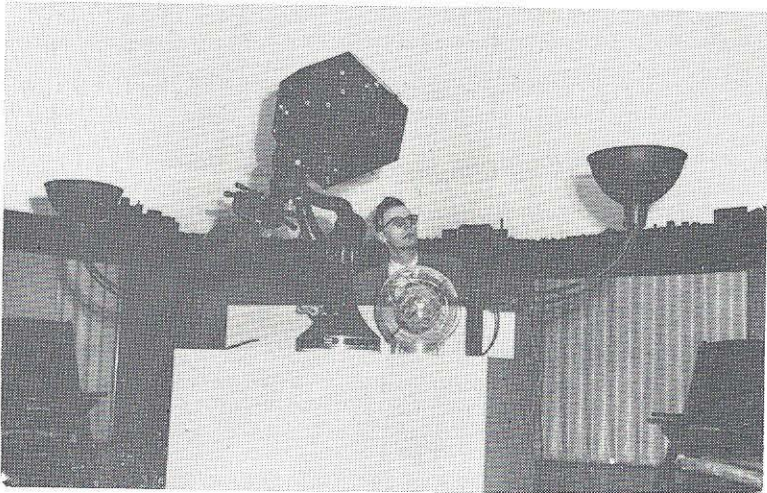
The Museum has an extensive entomological collection of over 100,000 specimens.



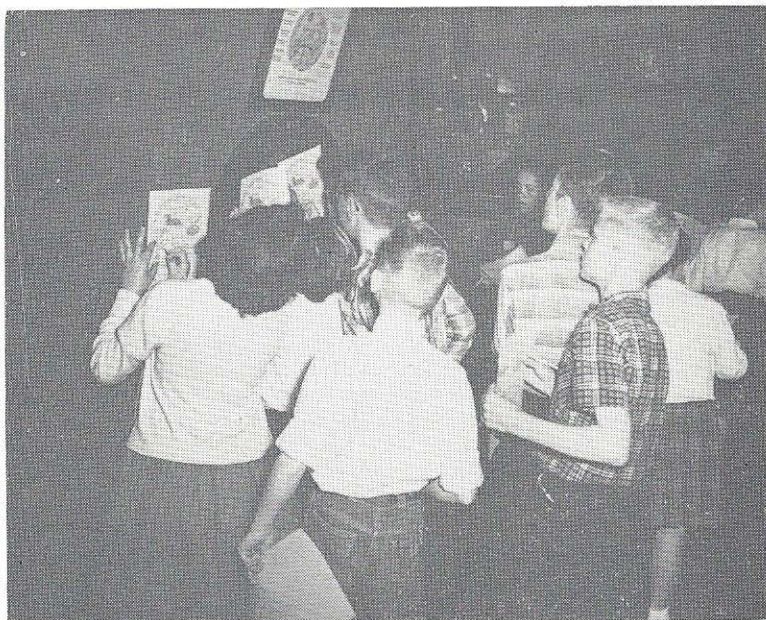
Geologists carefully picking sandstone away from a fossil bone.



The Herbarium represents a growing collection of Nova Scotia plant life.



The Planetarium — designed by Museum staff members.



Nature Clubs form an important part of a Museum's activities.



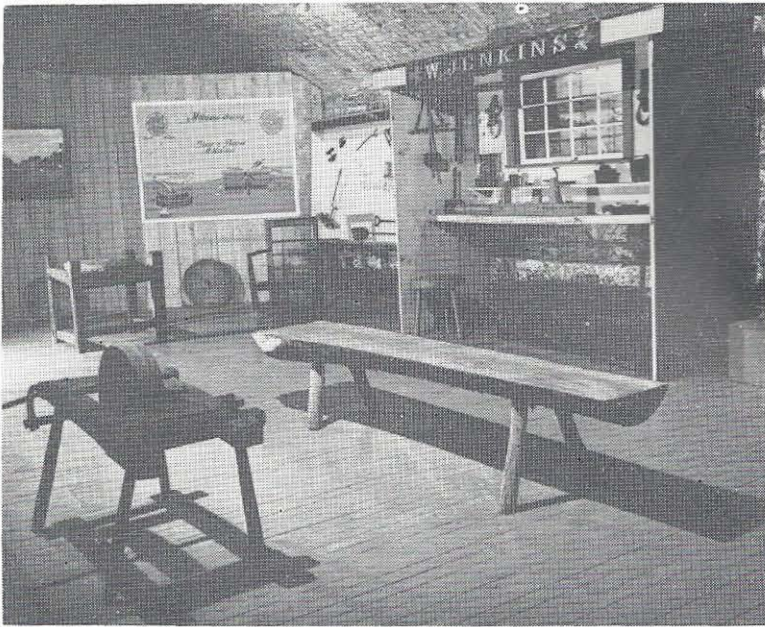
In the Museum of Science Workshop the final touches are added to the fibreglas model of a swordfish.



"The Golden Book of Science" travelling exhibit at the Nova Scotia Festival of the Arts, Tatamagouche.



Section of portable aquarium at Fisheries Exhibition, Lunenburg.



Items from Nova Scotia's past are preserved at the Historical Branch, Citadel Hill.



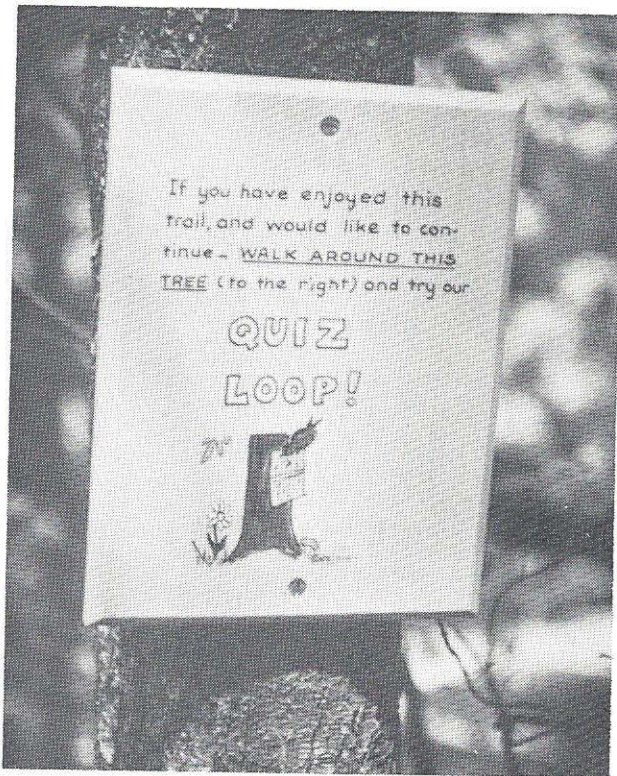
Perkins House, once the home of diarist Simeon Perkins, Liverpool. Built in 1767.



Uniacke House, Mount Uniacke, was the home of Attorney General Richard John Uniacke. Built in 1815.



"Clifton", now the Haliburton Memorial Museum, Windsor, was built by Canada's first humorist and satirist, Thomas Chandler Haliburton in 1836.



Along the Nature Trail, Point Pleasant Park, Halifax.

In this brief introduction to the Museum there is much that has not been touched on: summer field work activities in natural history and Indian archaeology, the museum publications and the varied exhibit techniques developed in its workshops, to mention only a few.

We trust that this will serve only as a supplement, wherever possible, to an actual visit to some or all of the units that comprise The Nova Scotia Museum.

Photographs of Historic Houses: Nova Scotia Information
Service.

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Cover: Nature Club members collecting at St. Margaret's Bay.

MUSEUM HOURS

Science exhibits, office and library, Spring Garden Road,
Halifax, N. S.

MONDAY to SATURDAY, inclusive 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Historical Exhibits, Citadel Hill Branch

EVERY DAY, including Saturday and Sunday
..... 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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