

# It's not such a long winter!

by MARY HUBELIT

We were very interested to read Mrs. Todesco's remarks about feeding the ravens - and the dogs. We share her chagrin at not being able to get pictures of them, since we too enjoy watching the birds.

Ravens are fed ground-up suet, a bowlful tossed onto the garage roof every morning. Grosbeaks, redpolls and chickadees share a diet of sunflower seeds and small-bird seed mix, thrown onto the roof of the camper in the back yard.

The camper stands on its own three legs, braced by a stout saw-horse, front and back. Starlings duck in under the bed-deck overhang to shelter on the cross-support of the front saw-horse and eat bread-crumbs blended with Top Choice. N. has enclosed three sides of that saw-horse with pieces of corrugated cartons, so the poor wee things can

be out of the wind, at least. It is heart-warming to see them line up shoulder to shoulder on the 'perch' at first daylight, dropping down to feed once in a while, then back up to perch at the end of the line, so each one is sure of a few minutes with a warm body on both sides. Meanwhile, the guard sits on the nearby yard fence; when changing of the guard occurs, the new one flies from the middle of the line, and the retiring guard slips into his place on the perch.

It is too bad starlings have such a bad reputation in North America, because they are clever, adaptable, loyal, and fun to watch. I might even go out on a limb (you should pardon the expression!) and staunchly defend the life of any bird who can fly south but chooses to stay here all winter. After the ravens have crammed their beaks

with the big pieces of suet and flown away, starlings dash over from the shelter, pick up the smaller pieces and dash back again to eat in the safety of the overhang. They rarely go onto the garage roof while the ravens are there - would you, if you were a starling?

This year we have only two pairs of ravens to watch; one of which is definitely engaged by now, and after feeding, the female flies to a nearby jackpine and sits there waiting for her fiance to join her for a little romance or house-planning. She waits two hours or more, nervously plucking the needles from the twigs within reach, flexing her wings, calling from time to time, until he comes back to join her. N. says that is not the female because everybody knows women are always late for appointments and it is the male who sits and waits. I can of course pooh-hoo that

theory because everybody knows how careless men are with women's feelings and how little it takes to distract them from the important aspects of life! Actually, only the ravens know who sits on that branch for hours, and why. Right?

Bird-watching from a window in winter is perhaps a cop-out, a sissy effort, but believe me, your dedicated, card-carrying bird-watchers are no sissies! The weather they face, the insects they brave, the money they spend, are shrugged off if one more denizen of this earth can be monitored and protected against the greedy ravages of nature's cruelest predator - man.

There, I've said it and I'm glad - I'll stand up and be counted any time I can help protect these helpless creatures, without which our world would be a much, much poorer place.

## Environment Canada promotes the wide use of a standard recycling symbol

Environment Canada has adopted the Mobius loop as the national recycling symbol. This loop is presently used in many recycling groups and industries throughout Canada and the U.S. and is considered by the department as the most appropriate of the existing symbols to be used in a national context.

The Mobius loop, first

designed to demonstrate an infinite surface, bodes well in a recycling context to convey the infinite use and re-use of materials. The arrow refers to the three kinds of substances of concern to recyclers, solids, liquids and gases.

In promoting the use of a standard recycling symbol in Canada,

the department recommends that it be:

- placed on products to proudly proclaim a content of recycled materials; and,
- used as a symbol for recycling projects.

Additional suggestions for the application of this recycling symbol will be developed shortly in consultation with the provinces, in-

dustry and citizens groups.

More information can be obtained from the Regional Offices of the Environmental Protection Service of Environment Canada in Dartmouth, Montreal, Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver.

## P.C. Federal Nomination

During the general meeting of the Cochrane Superior Progressive Conservative Association held in Hornpayne on January 28, 1984, Mr. Guy Desjardins, a well-known area business man and Kapuskasing Municipal Councillor, announ-

ced officially his intention to seek his party's nomination for the forthcoming federal election.

A graduate of the Kapuskasing school system and fluently bilingual, Mr. Desjardins is

presently the owner-manager of "Pipers Convenience Store", a successful business venture which he started in 1976.

Active in the community and a former member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Kinsmen Club, Mr. Desjardins was elected to Kapuskasing Town Council in November of 1982 with over 70 per cent of the popular vote. As a councillor, he is presently chairman of the Community and Social Services Committee with direct responsibilities to the Kapuskasing Recreation, Beautification and Joint School-Municipal committees.

Mr. Desjardins also represents his council on the North Cochrane District Family Services and the Cochrane District Welfare Board.

An active member of the Economic Development Citizens' Committee, Mr. Desjardins was also instrumental with the creation of the "North Claybelt

Association" which oversees specific economic initiatives for the region.

A firm believer in the capacity of the private sector to provide a steady economic growth for the country, Mr. Desjardins is convinced that the Progressive Conservative party, under the leadership of Mr. Brian Mulroney is the only real alternative to the present government, a party which has run out of ideas and human resources to guide our country in these difficult times. Mr. Desjardins foresees a bright future for the Cochrane Superior Region inasmuch as elected officials will be able to manage carefully our vast natural resources.

At 36 years old, Mr. Desjardins is married to Aline and is the father of two sons, Marc aged 13, and Luc, 11.



## noranda MINES LIMITED, HEMLO PROJECT

### OPEN HOUSES/PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

Noranda Mines Limited, Hemlo Project has submitted an application to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment for their review and approval as required under Section 24 of the Ontario Water Resources Act. The submission is being made for an underground gold mine and milling complex located 34 km east of Marathon off Highway 17. Area residents are invited to attend open houses and public information sessions to review and discuss the operating plans. Noranda and Environment Ontario representatives will be on hand to answer questions. Dates, places and times are as follows:

#### OPEN HOUSES

Tuesday, January 31, 1984

-Mober Reserve  
Band Community Hall  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
-White River  
Canadian Legion Hall  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1, 1984

-Pic Heron Bay Indian Reserve  
Band Hall  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
-Marathon  
Moose Hall  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 2, 1984

-Manitouwadge  
Community Auditorium  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

Wednesday, February 8, 1984

-Marathon  
Moose Hall  
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 9, 1984

-Manitouwadge  
Community Auditorium  
7:00 p.m.

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