

The Thomas McCulloch



Museum

Biology Department
Dalhousie University



Established 1884

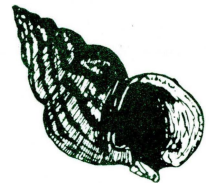
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These preserved and mounted birds are part of the natural science collection of Thomas McCulloch, the first principal of Dalhousie College. Thomas did most of his work on this collection when he was principal of Pictou Academy in Pictou, N.S., prior to coming to Dalhousie in 1838. In addition, he was aided by his son, also named Thomas, who later became a Professor of Natural History (Physics) at Dal.

This, the second collection, was presented to Dalhousie in 1884, and, as far as is known, these birds are in their original cases. The specimens exhibit a particular style of mounting called the "Audubon Style." The first collection was sold in England in 1884. Additional specimens had been presented to John J. Audubon, the well-known American natural history illustrator, who visited McCulloch in 1833.

In 1973 MICHEAL V. BURKE graduated from the Biology Department, Dalhousie University, with an MSc. As a student he had collected sea shells and just prior to graduation agreed to have the shells displayed in the museum. On leaving Dalhousie, his collection was left in the custody of the museum for continued display. Mr. Burke now teaches in the secondary school system in the area and from time to time uses specimens from his own collection in his classwork. Some of his former students are enthusiastically surprised and pleased to see the extent of his collection when they come to Dalhousie as students.



DR. EDITH ANGELOPOULOS of the Biology Department, Dalhousie University has on display a small number of her collection of beetles, moths and butterflies, some of exquisite colour and beauty.

Specimens of the E.D. LEVITTAN Palaeobotanical Collection are on display while supporting literature is available to researchers. (Apply to Dr. Ogden, Room 3132, Tel: 424-2158). This collection represents work done by Dr. Edwin D. Levittan, M.D. (1913 - 1980) who was a graduate of the Dalhousie Medical School. Dr. Levittan willed this collection to Dalhousie where it was gratefully received in 1981.



In 1976 DR. CONSTANCE McFARLANE, a graduate of the Biology Department, Dalhousie, arranged for the purchase and donation of the collection of ceramic mushrooms by Alma and Ernst Lorenzen, natives of Nova Scotia. Dr. McFarlane also donated the cases.

The museum is open Monday to Friday, except for official holidays, from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. Group tours can be arranged by contacting the Curator. Sometimes these can be arranged for evenings and weekends. There is no charge for admission.



Several times a year we endeavour to bring in outside displays. Anyone interested in contributing to this program or donating specimens or artifacts for permanent display should contact the Curator, Steve Fry, Tel: 494-3515; Biology Department, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., B3H 4J1.

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AUGUST 1 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 21, 1990



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Hours:

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Group tours by arrangement
Curator, Stephen Fry
(902) 494-3530

