

McNab

Wildlife Experts To Air Views

Conservationists, bird-watchers, yachtsmen and recreation experts will keep an eye on the future of McNab and Lawlor islands when they are discussed by the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority Monday.

Representatives of the Nova Scotia Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Association, the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, the Armdale Yacht Club, the Nova Scotia Resources Council, the Halifax Board of Trade, and the Nova Scotia Bird Society are to attend the meeting.

A number of briefs will be presented in a effort to preserve the two islands for recreational purposes.

Federal Resources Minister Arthur Laing told authority members they should take "prompt measures" to secure the privately owned lands on McNab Island before any commitment by the federal government would be made to turn over the rest of the land for park purposes.

It is now understood, however, that "agreements of sale" have been secured by industrial interests on the major portion of the privately owned lands on McNab's.

Members of the regional authority have favored maintaining the lands for recreational purposes. Halifax County's planning board wants to zone the north-end portion of McNab for industrial purposes in accordance with the Master Plan of Development.

The Weather

The weatherman is not letting the 13th bother him he has "trouble with the out worrying about mind, he is airly quiet tomorrow no large deal his

"A Bit Out Of The Ordinary"

A case scheduled to be heard in County Court was given to the Supreme Court grand jury yesterday for their consideration of prosecution evidence.

It was a procedure of "preferred indictment," which was described by Mr. Justice Pottier as "quite a bit out of the ordinary."

A preferred indictment is a charge laid by the Attorney General. He exerts his prerogative and institutes the charge himself, and he has the right to send it before the Grand Jury, instead of a magistrate's court, which is the customary procedure with charges.

The charge was against James Herbert Messervey, Lower Sackville, and after hearing prosecution witnesses the grand jury returned a true bill on the charge.

Messervey will stand trial for criminal negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm to nine-year-old Linda MacNeil at Cobequid Road, Sept. 7.

Mr. Justice Pottier of the Supreme Court explained to the Grand Jury that Messervey elected trial before a judge of the County Court when first arraigned, last year.

Judge Nathan Green conducted a preliminary enquiry in Provincial Magistrate's Court Nov. 8. The accused man was committed for trial, not on the criminal negligence charge, but on a reduced charge of dangerous driving.

"The Attorney General directed the prosecuting officer to prefer an indictment, under the section of the Criminal Code which gives the Attorney General the right . . ." said the Supreme Court judge.

The Attorney General directed that the preferred indictment for criminal negligence, not dangerous driving, be considered by the Grand Jury said the judge.

After examining witnesses for nearly two hours the grand jury of seven men and two women brought in a true bill.