

existing parks (with passage on the Parks Amendment Act) will represent a 23% increase in the park land base.

- Gap analysis research will be undertaken to identify potential park areas in natural regions currently unrepresented or underrepresented in the parks system. Natural regions/zones slated for this assessment include Allan-Minichinal Hills, Neutral Hills Uplands and Carrot River Lowlands.
- An additional 6,000 km<sup>2</sup> of Crown grazing land will be protected under the Critical Wildlife Habitat Protection Act.

## MANITOBA GOVERNMENT PROGRESS

### 1) New Sites

- Lake Winnipegosis Salt Flats Ecological Reserve was established.
- Mars Hill Wildlife Management Area was established.

### 2) Systems Planning Progress

- The Workbook on Natural Lands and Special Places was released.
- The Sustainable Development Coordination Unit supported by the Crown Land Classification Committee (CLCC) began evaluating provincial areas where potential logging, mining, and hydro could be excluded.
- Preliminary identification of candidate protected areas in southern Manitoba has been completed.
- A draft system plan for wildlife management areas is near completion.
- The Provincial Park System Plan is under revision to enable it to conform with the Natural Lands and Special Places strategy.

### 3) Action Planned for 1992-93

- Public consultations on Natural Lands and Special Places will be undertaken. Subsequently, the Park Lands Act will be revised, based on the results of these consultations.
- Evaluation of southern Manitoba proposal sites will be undertaken by the CLCC