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Brunswick, Maine
February 1, 1936

To the President and Trustees
of Bowdoin College and the
Acting Directors of the
Bowdoin Biological Station

Sirs:

I have the honor to submit the first annual report of the
Bowdoin Biological Station for the year 1935 and to describe
the activities of the Station during the 1935 Bowdoin College Expedition
to the Bay of Fundy

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It is with the greatest pleasure that I announce the ac-
quisition of a forty-two cabin boat, the gift of Director
Alger V. Pike. One of our greatest needs has been a su-
perior motor boat to carry parties and equipment over
the treacherous waterway from Lubec, Maine to the

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THE STAFF

Since forma... ot yet been taken by the Board
of the College, a number of interested persons are serv-
ing as "Acting-Directors" of the Station during the in-
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is suggested that a suitable representative of the Can-
adian Government should be included. The officials
of that government have extended every kindness and
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The following group makes up the present Board of Directors

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2. George E. [redacted] Surveying, Conn
3. John Estal, In-Cha Banding, Woodma
4. Robert D. [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
5. George R. Cadman, Chief Radio Operator Pleasant
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- Ernest A. Joy, Warden,

Mr. Ernest Joy, a British subject and a native of Little Wood Island, has been engaged as a full-time warden on duty at the island since 1911. He is an excellent man in all respects, as well as a good boat pilot and a great naturalist. He is a skilled and reliable pilot and a great naturalist. The greatest confidence and reliability has been drawn up between the station and Mr. Joy:

WHEREAS, the Biological Station, a division of the Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine has made a contract with the undersigned Ernest A. Joy of Little Wood Island, N. B. to act as warden of Kent's Island, Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement was signed and the seal of the station hereunto affixed this 1st day of [redacted] 1921.

The undersigned
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"3. The undersigned... equipment which m...

responsible...

"4. The Station and the College acts committed by the undersigned by the Board of Directors

responsibility... those au... or their ag...

"5. The Station and the College assumes no responsibility for any injuries or risks incident to the undersigned in his capacity as warden of the station...

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"6. In return for these services, the station provides the undersigned with shelter throughout the year and board and various equipment from June until September of each year. The Station will pay the undersigned a sum, which is to be determined by the Board of Directors, at the end of each year beginning with the fall of 193...

"Signed: ERNEST ALBERT JOY"

Mr. Joy is making records at the island of meteorological conditions and other data. He sends reports in the form of letters which are on file in Brunel and provides the insurance and means throughout the year.

THE DEED

Indenture made this 23rd day of January 193... of the said...

Witnessed by me of the said...

ITNESSETH, that the grantors in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations to them in hand paid by the grantees, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said grantees, their successors and

all of that certain land situated in the Bay of Fundy and being the same as is more particularly described in the said deed of the said grantors, bearing date the 23rd day of January 193... and containing one hundred and fifty acres of land and situated in the said Bay of Fundy and being the same as is more particularly described in the said deed of the said grantors, bearing date the 23rd day of January 193...

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The laboratory has been improved its have been made. A darkroom was built in lar and equipment for photography and printing was installed. Laboratory tables were built and bookshelves were erected. Four men found the satisfactory sleeping quarters, and this room was finished off in wall board.

The electric light plant has been very successful over for both provides sufficient power for the radio transmitter since it is not economical to a warden. The receiver, this is a ten tube super heterodyne receiver. The importance of being able to communicate with the island by radio during the winter and radio entertainment during his long eight-months vigil is very evident.

A large number of good cages are available for keeping birds in captivity. These are proving a boon to the research work. An attempt should be made to sell all of the sheep which were formerly used on the island.

When sailing was recovered by Mr. Morse under provisions for water.

camp

The station now has a guard post of four men. The boat given by Director Pike is a forty-two foot launch with a cabin that has sleeping quarters for four men. The pilot house is fully enclosed and has an emergency landing aid. The boat is equipped with two engines--an arrangement because it practically eliminates the danger of engine failure that would leave a single-motored boat helpless. A triangle sail is also available when needed. The gasoline tanks hold more than 100 gallons which is enough for about 800 miles. Additional equipment on hand includes a sixteen volt lighting system and electric running lights.

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Mr. Radeff and Alger Pike offered the facilities... the use... the expedition. The... can easily be reached by... come the port of depart... Of interest to... the... wild life sanctuar... operated near Lubee by...

Mr. ... department of Building... the collection... our... Mr. ... and Mr. Gerald W... kindnesses to...

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COMMISSION DEPARTMENT

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The cooking was done on gasoline stove... he camp type. The
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Five cases of Evaporated Milk
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Four cases of Baked Beans--C
swick, Maine.
Seventy-two pounds of "Buff
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RESEARCH PROJECTS

A complete survey of the general years, but a report on the station. The 1934 will serve as a basis for the population of bird populations to take a census of species numbers.

By Mr. F. ... for this an ... ing on Gulls ... as his

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Life History of the Herring Gull. This bird makes it worthy of any thorough investigation. It is expected that the next four years.

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Henry Studies of Nesting Birds. This will be made of all of the islands which have not been studied in detail by ornithologists. The present program is as follows: 1934 - Black-gull, Black-backed Gull, Black-backed Gull, Razor-billed Gull, Sparrow; 1937 - Atlantic Puffin, American Eider. The publication of these studies will be of great value in the field of ornithology. Information regarding any phase of the program is solicited - due credit will be given.

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Olfactory Experiments. Experiments of smell in birds are being carried out during the summer.

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Temperature. Experiments showing temperature variations in birds will be made of as many species as possible.

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Invertebrates. Mr. Charles Peck of Clark University is preparing a list of the invertebrate life at the island. He plans to supplement his 1935 study with another visit during the coming season.

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Botany. A preliminary list of the plant life at West's Island may be found elsewhere in the Annual Report.

Surveying. A base line was laid out by Messrs. Crossland and ... with the ... Physics Department.

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- Acorus calamus
- JUNCACEAE
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- Juncus filiformis
- Juncus palustris
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- IRIDACEAE
- Iris versicolor
- ta Habenaria obtusa
- BETULACEAE
- var. crispa
- URTICACEAE
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Polygon

Rumex acetosella

Rumex crispus

CHENOPODIACEAE

Stellaria media

CARYOPHYLLACEAE

Stellaria media

Cerastium vulgatum

Stellaria media

Sagina pruriens

Spergularia

RANUNCULACEAE

Ranunculus acris

Ranunculus cymbalaria

CRUCIFERAE

Capsella bursa-pastoris

Capsella bursa-pastoris

DROSERACEAE

Drosera rotundifolia

ROSACEAE

Potentilla canadensis

Potentilla fruticosa

Potentilla fruticosa

LEGUMINOSAE

Lotus corniculatus

Lotus corniculatus

BALSAMINACEAE

Impatiens

HYPERICACEAE

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MONAGRACEAE

Epilobium

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URTICACEAE

Urtica

CORNACEAE

Cornus canadensis

ERICACEAE

Ledum palustre

Kalmia latifolia

Mnemes uniflora

Chamaedaphne calyculata

Vaccinium oxycoccos

PRIMULACEAE

Trientalis americana

ERAGINACEAE

Mertensia maritima

HUTARICEAE

Euphrasia americana

Rhinanthus christi

PLANTAGINACEAE

Plantago Rugeli
 Plantago juncea glauca
 Plantago junco caespitosa

RUBIACEAE

Galium triflorum

COMPOSITAE

Seriocarpus asperoides
 Solidago serotina
 Achillea millefolium
 Matricaria inodora

DINERDORFER
 (by John A. C.)

During the summer of 1935-7, 101 birds were banded in the vicinity of the Yukon-Charley Rivers' Island, but the razor-billed gull was banded at the Yellow Murr Ledge, the Arctic Tern at Green Island, and many of the Petrels at Easter Island. Because of the large number of gulls banded here our records have been almost confined to this bird. It returns a spread over an area which extends as far west

Dakotas, as far south as the southern coast of Florida. The highest record of this bird was made in the state of Florida. The highest record of this bird was made in the state of Florida. The highest record of this bird was made in the state of Florida. The highest record of this bird was made in the state of Florida. The highest record of this bird was made in the state of Florida.

Herring Gull	6804
Black Guillemot	57
Tree Swallow	
Least Razor-billed	
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Total Recov	69
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Herring Gull	
Least Razor-billed	
Black Guillemot	50
Tree Swallow	50
Least Razor-billed	25
Spotted	10
Cliff Swallow	115
Arctic Tern	
Eider Duck	
Least Sandpiper	25
Black-backed	50
Puffin	50
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mm Length	167	184	200	220	240	275	280	300	319	330
Extant	156	154	180	180	204	200	230	260	290	300
Bill	25	30	35	36	41	45	49	50	55	56
Body	45	225	230	245	255	275	290	300	310	320
Bill	12	20	20	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Gape	22	45	46	46	26	31	31.5	35	38	42
Foot	9	10	10	10	11	12	12	12	12	12
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It has a range of as much as 20 feet in the Bay. It usually amounts to about 16 to 19 feet, amounting to a rise of 16 to 19 feet.

The tidal currents are from four knots causing a rise of 16 to 19 feet. The highest tides occur during the spring tides, especially when the wind and the tide are in the same direction. The highest tides occur during the spring tides, especially when the wind and the tide are in the same direction.

A table of observations for a typical week of July follows: (Week beginning July 14, 1955)

Date	Wind	Temp	Humid	Baromet
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14	18.5	65.3	82.0	30.1
15	19.0	66.2	81.0	30.1
16	17.5	63.5	80.0	30.1
17	18.0	64.4	80.0	30.1
18	18.0	64.4	80.0	30.1
19	18.0	64.4	80.0	30.1
20	17.5	63.5	80.0	30.1

The relation between wind and weather conditions can be seen clearly. The very small range of temperature with a comparatively large range of wind speed.

The writer believes that this work should be carried out in future years especially in that it may be possible to correlate it with biological researches. Records should be kept of the temperature, wind direction, wind speed, rainfall, barometric pressure, ocean temperature, relative humidity, and dew point. A diary of any unusual meteorological phenomena should be kept.

RADIO COMMUNICATION
 (by George H. Gal)

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field research of all forms, and the most important part, is carried on at the strategically located station. Kent's Island cannot be reached from the mainland, and the expedition is a leader in the support of research, and most important, it is like Commander MacMillan.

and respectfully submit

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Field Director.