

botanical rather than in direct connection with surveying and from 1907, when he was appointed Chief Inspector of Scenic Reserves, both his interests and his duties were wholly in forestry. For just a quarter of a century, therefore, he exercised decidedly more influence than any other one man on New Zealand forestry and New Zealand's forests. No man ever sank his personality so completely in the forests that he served, forests that were at the one and the same time his hobby, his calling, his politics and his very creed.

His great regret was that he was not by training a professional forester and his characteristic modesty made him stress the point, often needlessly. It is known to but few that when in 1919, he was appointed head of the Forestry Department, he recommended that it be but a temporary appointment, until a professionally trained forester could be secured. This done, he voluntarily relinquished his post and served as Secretary to the new State Forest Service for the next eight years. Such self-abnegation he conceived to be his duty in the interests of forestry, and it is worthy of chronicle as a record of his greatness. All were pleased when finally he was appointed Director of Forestry, a post which he valued as an honour, rather than for its emoluments. His retirement was devoted, as had been his active career, wholly to forestry interests and pursuits.

All foresters who knew him must feel his death as a personal loss. To the few who knew him intimately, his memory will be an abiding ideal of devotion to duty : single-hearted, selfless care for the well-being of the forest.

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