

NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS INCORPORATED.

OFFICERS 1948-50.

President: E. A. Cooney.

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Secretary: A. P. Thomson.

Treasurer: A. C. Forbes.

Council (1948-49): J. A. Buchanan, W. H. Jolliffe, R. B. Moorhouse, J. W. Syme.

Annual General Meeting.

The 1948 meeting extended over three days, 24th—26th June, and as in the previous year the venue was Rotorua. There was an attendance of 36 members and the first day was fully occupied in formal business at the State Forest Service Training Centre at Whakarewarewa. The following day the main body of delegates visited the forest operations of Whakatane Board Mills at Matahina, returning to Rotorua via Kaingaroa Forest. A small party spent the day at Waiotapu. In the evening a very successful Institute dinner was held in the dining room of the Training Centre. On the third day there were field excursions to Waiotapu and to operations of N.Z. Forest Products Ltd., at Atiamuri, Tokeroa and Pinedale. In the evening visitors were entertained by the staffs of the Training Centre and Forest Experiment Station.

It was decided to hold the 1949 Annual General Meeting in Christchurch.

Membership.—The Secretary reported that Professor H. G. Champion of Oxford had accepted honorary membership of the Institute. Three Members, 5 Associate Members and 6 Student Members were elected during the year, bringing the membership in all grades to 114.

The late Mr. A. F. Clark.—The meeting paid tribute to the memory of Arthur F. Clark whose death removed one who had given unstinted service to the Institute and the forestry profession generally. Mr. Clark had been Secretary of the Institute during the most critical period of its development.

Forestry Education.—As the report of the Committee on Higher Forestry Education set up at the previous annual general meeting lacked unanimity, the Council had not felt warranted in making any pronouncement without seeking further expression of opinion from the Institute. Consequently a questionnaire had been submitted to all full Members. After considerable discussion of the results, it was agreed that they indicated a clear cut majority opinion and should be submitted to the Senate of the University of New Zealand with a plea for its early decision in the matter.

Further discussion of this important issue is included in the Editorial Notes.

Forest Terminology.—The Terminology Committee *per se* was unable to report much progress, but Messrs. Thomson and Buchanan had done some work towards (a) defining the categories of terms which in their opinion should be included in a restricted New Zealand Forest Glossary, (b) listing those terms which were considered should be included, and (c) beginning definition of such terms.

The meeting complimented Messrs. Thomson and Buchanan on their initiative and asked them to continue the listing of definitions within defined limits, the definitions to be circulated for criticism as soon as possible.

Public Relations Officer.—After consideration of the report of the Public Relations Officer, Mr. A. P. Thomson, his recommendation that this position be

held by a member in Wellington was accepted. Mr. G. R. Fenton was appointed for a period of two years with authority to act without prior reference to the President and power to co-opt representatives in other main centres.

Amendments to the Constitution.—Arising from a notice of motion, an amendment to the Constitution providing for nomination of officers and members of the Council of the Institute by not less than two Members or Associate Members, instead of by a Nominations Committee as previously, was adopted.

Charter.—It was the opinion of the meeting that the time was opportune to proceed towards obtaining legislation granting a charter to the New Zealand Institute of Foresters, and a motion instructing the Council to move accordingly was passed.

Papers Presented.—The Presidential Address appears on p. 361. During the evening session Mr. A. D. McKinnon delivered a paper on "Forestry in Scandinavia with particular reference to Sweden."

Seventh Pacific Science Congress.

At the invitation of the Organizing Committee, the New Zealand Institute of Foresters is sponsoring a Forestry Section as part of Division VI, Soil Resources, of the Congress, which will be meeting in Auckland and Christchurch during February, 1949. The Institute has been fortunate in obtaining the services of a distinguished Honorary Member, Dr. H. H. Chapman, Professor Emeritus of Yale University, as chairman of the forestry section.

Rotorua Section.

This section of the Institute had another successful and active year with good attendances at its meetings and excursions. At the Annual Meeting on the 22nd May, 1948, Mr. R. B. Moorhouse was elected Chairman and Mr. P. W. Maplesden, Secretary.

Again this year the local section was host to the Annual General Meeting of the Institute.

Addresses given during the year were :—

"Forest Policy in Great Britain," by Mr. J. Buchanan, Rotorua Training Centre.

"The Food and Agricultural Organisation," by Professor Huberman, Forestry Section, F.A.O.

"The Forests of Burma and Fiji," by Mr. Marshal, Conservator of Forests, Fiji.

"Forestry in Burma," by Mr. F. Allsop, Forest Experiment Station.

On the 25th September, a field day was spent inspecting the exotic forests of Matakana Afforestation Ltd., Matakana Island.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Receipt of the following publications during 1948 is acknowledged by the New Zealand Institute of Foresters.

Institute members are reminded that forestry literature received by the Institute and listed in the Journal annually is available on application to Mr. A. C. Forbes, c/o State Forest Service, Private Bag, Whakarewarewa, Rotorua.

Annals of the Missouri Botanical Garden. Vol. XXXIV, No. 2, May, 1947.
Australia, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Division of Forest Products.

Bulletin No. 221 : Contributions to the Study of the Cell Wall.

4. The Nature of Intercellular Adhesion in Delignified Tissue.
5. The Occurrence, Structure and Properties of Certain Cell Wall Deformations.