

**OBITUARY****MISS MARY SUTHERLAND**

It is with profound regret that we record the death of Miss Mary Sutherland in Wellington on March 11, 1955. Miss Sutherland was one of the Charter Members of the Institute and a strong and faithful supporter since its formation in 1928. She became ill while on duty in Central Otago in March, 1954, and had been unable to carry on her work ever since. At the time of her death Miss Sutherland was farm forestry officer of the New Zealand Department of Agriculture.

Miss Sutherland was educated at the City of London School for Girls and the University College of North Wales, Bangor, where she took a B.Sc. degree in Forestry.

During the First World War she served in the Women's National Land Army in Britain. Later she was forewoman forester in estates in Renfrewshire and Inverness-shire. She also served as an assistant experimental officer with the British Forestry Commission.

Miss Sutherland was appointed to the New Zealand Forest Service in 1925. She served as a forest assistant in Wellington and Rotorua. From 1933 to 1936 she was a member of the staff of the Dominion Museum, but rejoined the Forest Service in 1937 as botanist. In 1946 she was seconded to the Department of Agriculture to fill the new position of farm forestry officer. In this capacity she was responsible for the layout of plantations at the Department's Winchmore Irrigation Research Station and Invermay Agricultural Research Station.

Miss Sutherland's special interest was the encouragement of farm tree planting. In the New Zealand Journal of Agriculture her many articles on farm forestry did much to promote this extension work. She was also the author of a bulletin "Homestead Shelter Planting."

Miss Sutherland was appointed a Fellow of the Society of Foresters of Great Britain in 1928.

During the Second World War Miss Sutherland was assistant superintendent of the hostel at Woburn which was managed by the Y.W.C.A. for the Government and catered for 300 girls.

**RODERICK MACRAE**

It is with deep regret that we record the death in Rotorua on February 12th, 1955, of Roderick Macrae, one of the early honorary members of this Institute. He was born in Scotland on the 1st January, 1873, and came to New Zealand in 1901, after training as a forester in Scotland. In New Zealand he joined the Forestry Branch of the Lands and Survey Department and was stationed initially at Conical Hills Forest in South Otago, transferring from there to the Rotorua District, at Waiotapu and subsequently at Kaingaroa Forest. He was appointed a Forest Ranger in 1920 and was eventually in charge of the whole of Kaingaroa Forest. Planting operations at