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BOOK REVIEW

Trees, Timber and Tranquillity

This new book by Lindsay Poole FRSNZ, which covers interesting aspects of the author's distinguished career in botany and forestry, is available through the Royal Society.

From birth at Whatatu in 1908 and youthful bird-nesting in Tuparoa Bay to visiting the 100-year-old redwood grove in Whaka Forest during the 1997 forestry centennial celebrations, much of Lindsay Poole's life has been involved with trees.

A traineeship with the Forest Service was followed by the theoretical study of forestry and science at the Forestry School at Auckland University College. Then followed practical activities with the Forest Service, such as quartermastering unemployment camps, shooting deer and a spell in Head Office, during the depression, and a year in the Botany Division of DSIR. With the war came scientific liaison work in London, and then a spell in the Forestry and Timber Control of the British Military Government in Germany. There he became involved directly in the strictly controlled forestry administration and operations. Wood was absolutely essential for war. The forests has not long gone through one world war, had survived and looked as though they could supply another. In spite

of overcutting, the long-term needs and sustained yields of the forest were paramount.

On his return to New Zealand he was appointed Assistant Director and in 1949 Director of the Botany Division, and this led unexpectedly to being appointed Assistant Director of the Forest Service, and later Director-General.

By 1950 the Service was becoming broadly based and particularly active in establishing plantation forests and preparing the way for the sale of substantial quantities of wood from planting that was started at the beginning of the century by Lands Department. While disposal of the wood was achieved readily enough, disposal in a safe forest way proved to be impossible. This had adverse repercussions in all wood sales through to the 1980s and eventually led to the demise of the Forest Service.

"Trees, timber and tranquillity" (published by C. Rex Monigatti Publishing, ISBN 0-473-04789-6) is in hardback, 148 pages, with colour and black & white photos. It can be purchased for \$35 from the Royal Society through SIR Publishing; email sales@rsnz.govt.nz.

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