

his remarks with a large number of photographs, maps and reports. Mr. Ellis then turned briefly toward the field of the future of forestry in New Zealand, and the place and value of forestry training, welcoming the students into a great profession and extending the hope that he would become more fully acquainted with them all in the time to come.

At the conclusion of the address the meeting became social and Mr. Ellis was entertained by the Club at afternoon tea. Before leaving he presented to the Library several personal copies of French forest working plans from tracts which he became familiar with during the war, when as an officer of one of the Canadian forestry regiments, he had an unusual opportunity for seeing the best of French technical forestry. These papers, therefore, are a most valuable addition to our forest literature, and the Club is deeply grateful to Mr. Ellis for his most thoughtful gift.

The second extraordinary meeting was held on the afternoon of October 19th, when Mr. V. T. Fail, Surveyor of the State Forest Service, addressed the Club on principles of mapping and surveying as applied particularly to the Forest Service and its needs, taking up in regard to any tract of country the progress of work done, from the initial boundary survey through the topographic and type maps, interior subdivision and lay-out maps, detail maps, work maps, etc., with a description of the purpose of each, the methods of preparing it, and the standards of accuracy demanded, with a brief concluding remark of standard scales for the various maps, and the standard conventional signs and figures adopted by the Service. Mr. Fail illustrated his discussion by a full set of carefully chosen maps, depicting all of the various matters in turn as he discussed them.

THE ANNUAL DINNER

In accordance with the custom inaugurated last year, a dinner was held by the Forestry Club to celebrate the close of the third and most successful year of the Club's existence.

Twelve members were present at the Federal Hotel, therefore, on the night of 21st October, to join with each other in a very pleasant meal with a few appropriate toasts, after which all adjourned to the Theatre for an evening of mirth and jollity in the best of company.

With this function the Club terminated its activities for the year, and as the session was virtually completed, opportunity was taken to bid farewell and godspeed to those of our members who leave us this year for

other and higher spheres of work—our President, A. F. Clark, who joins the State Forest Service in Wellington, and W. S. Tannock, who leaves shortly for Kew to continue his botanical studies.

SPRING CAMP—1927

The Spring Camp of the School of Forestry was held, as is now the well-established custom, during the second term vacation, when the entire School went out into the bush for three weeks to get first-hand experience in many aspects of applied forestry to which justice cannot be done in lecture hall or laboratory. We went back to the Coast again this year, as we had done in 1925, and Mr. A. R. Thompson, our old friend of Moana days, was again instrumental in finding us a location, providing for us a five-roomed house at Mananui, with all the comforts of home.

Messrs. Hutchinson and Clark went over two days previously to do the dirty work of arranging for transport and supply and when the rest of us arrived, late on Saturday evening, it was to find a warm fire and a tremendous dinner all in readiness, so that the camp was formally opened under highly auspicious circumstances.

The next day was spent in "organisation work"—a phrase which includes a very broad sphere of activity. To most it began with a raid on the docking pile for the wherewithal, followed by the fashioning of a bed. At this pursuit, each had his own design, which he hotly defended, meantime setting up a barrage of adverse criticism, and witticism directed against his neighbour, in which dark hints as to tensile stresses, bending moments and equilibrium of forces were to be heard. All did not partake in this sport. Clark was able to give a world of good advice, having made his previous day and weathered the succeeding night, while Messrs. Foweraker and Hutchinson were content to remain on the floor. This, of course, is sure proof of one's right to the title of forester. They say that after many years, one even gets to **prefer** the floor.

The work of the camp commenced on the Monday morning, and continued throughout the whole three weeks. Of course there was work, that was what we had come for, and it was good work, and well done too. However, it is not our intent in this article to go too deeply into the details of that side of the camp; but rather we prefer to dwell more on the lighter portions of the three weeks at Mananui. So let it suffice to say briefly that the work came under the heads of first, dendrology and ecology; second, mensuration; third, utilisation; and fourth, surveying. Hock-