

NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS (Inc.)

OFFICERS 1964-66

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Librarian: G. C. Weston.

ANNUAL MEETING 1964

The Thirty-seventh Annual General Meeting was held in the R.S.A. Hall, Auckland, on Saturday, 2 May, 1964. It was formally opened by the Hon. W. J. Scott, Minister of Marine and M.P. for Rodney.

There were present 41 members, 49 associate members, 4 affiliate members, 11 student members and 20 guests. Apologies for absence were received from 35 members.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The outgoing President, A. P. Thomson, delivered his address on the implications of the Canterbury wind-throw for forest management in New Zealand. (This address is printed herein).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Membership of the Institute was now 436, having increased by 36 during the year; the new admissions were 22 associates, 15 affiliates and 6 student members. Losses included the deaths of four honorary members: H. H. Chapman (elected 1939), F. W. Foster (1951), J. Deans (1955) and C. E. Foweraker (1959).

The Council had again met five times during the year, attendances being: Messrs Thomson 4, Hinds 5, Wendelken 4, Lysaght 5, Grayburn 5, Groome 4, Henry 3, Ure 4 and Dr Jackson 3. Business attended to had included:

A decision to submit written and oral evidence to the Parliamentary Select Committee on noxious animal control. A statement of Institute views was prepared and approved by Council, and presented before the Committee by Mr Groome on April 23. The statement would be published in a subsequent issue of the *Journal*.

Support for the Royal Society and other scientific bodies for certain amendments to the National Research Council Bill.

Appointment of a subcommittee (Messrs Hinds, Cooney, Grayburn and Russell Smith) to report on local body forestry in New Zealand and means of improving practice.

Consideration of a scheme for registering forestry consultants and prescribing a code of practice.

Means of reprinting back numbers of the *Journal* which are in short supply. The 1953 issue had been reprinted during the year, and the Institute was now in a position to supply complete sets of the *Journal* back to 1952.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Excess of income over expenditure had been reduced to £48, and funds carried forward amounted to £2,844. Annual subscription rates were increased by the Meeting to £3 5s 0d for members, £2 5s 0d for associates, £1 15s 0d for affiliates and £1 0s 0d for students; but all subject to a rebate of 5s 0d if paid by June 30.

JOURNAL REPORT

It had been decided to embark on two issues of the *Journal* each year — the first to be published in April/May and the second due in October/November.

The 1963 number had cost 9s 4d per copy of 168 pages and cover, and 900 copies had been printed. Estimated cost of producing each 100-page issue of the double number was 6s 3d

Following a comment on the much reduced revenue from advertising, there was some discussion, and general agreement that it would be better to forgo revenue than to intersperse advertisements with subject matter.

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Now in its second year, three issues of the *Newsletter* were being produced per annum, at a cost of 2s 6d per copy. More contributions were required from local Sections.

Following a description of the old *Journal* feature "In our Contemporaries", the Meeting decided that it would be worthwhile to incorporate this in the *Newsletter*.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Approximately 50 periodicals and 25 serial publications were being received by the Institute library each year, largely in exchange for the *Journal*, or on a complimentary basis. Only two periodicals required subscription.

During the year 28 individuals made use of the library (23 last year), and 60 (61) items were borrowed. There were 4 interloan requests.

LOCAL SECTION REPORTS

Local activities during the year were reported for each of the eight sections as follows:

Rotorua Section: Six evening meetings and one field-day. Plans were in hand to entertain the delegates to the Seventh Asia-Pacific Forestry Conference.

Hawke's Bay Section: Four meetings and one field-day. Local membership was now 47, of whom 24 were interested people not members of the Institute.

Wellington Section: Eight meetings, including panel discussions, which had proved to be stimulating and popular.

Nelson Section: Five meetings. Local membership now totals 29.

Auckland Section: Three field-days.

Canterbury Section: Five meetings, including one advisory forum.

Westland Section: Three evening meetings, with an average attendance of 50; and one field-day at Harihari on terrace podocarp management. This had been attended by 70 people.

Southland Section: Had held one meeting.

ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

It was announced that F. E. Hutchinson had been recommended by Council for election to Honorary Membership of the Institute. The motion was carried with acclamation.

The President presented certificates of full membership to C. van Kraayenoord and of associate membership to I. L. Barton, R. L. Cornwell, B. Keating, C. Kingsland, A. Restall, A. Rockell and A. B. Willis.

FORESTRY CONSULTANTS

Recommendations on the registration of consultants were summarized by Mr Groome. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the Council subcommittee should integrate these recommendations, earlier Council discussions, the views of this Meeting, and should obtain the considered opinion of members, in time to prepare a submission for the next Annual General Meeting.

11TH NEW ZEALAND SCIENCE CONGRESS

Mr Levy, the Institute's representative on the organizing committee, stated that this is to be held in Auckland, 11-17 February, 1965. The purpose of these Congresses is "to bring science to the layman". There would be 35 sections and a day had been allocated to forestry, with the theme of "Factors Affecting Forest Production".

PAPERS PRESENTED

Topic for the Institute's symposium was "Sand Dune Forestry", and papers were presented as follows:

- A. N. Sexton: "Sands and Sandhill Forests of the Auckland Conservancy".
- G. H. Hocking: "Sand Country of the Wellington West Coast".
- D. Kear: "Coastal Sands—North-western North Island".
- P. S. Whitehead: "Sand Dune Reclamation in New Zealand".
- A. A. Restall: "Sand Dune Reclamation on Woodhill Forest, 1952-64".
- J. W. Levy and D. St John: "Silviculture on Sand Dunes".
- I. D. Whiteside: "Timber Quality of Radiata Pine at Woodhill Forest".

FIELD TRIPS

On Sunday, May 3, a visit was paid to Woodhill Forest to inspect fore-dune building operations, mechanized lupin seed extraction, marram planting, tree planting and tree cleaning—a most impressive display of mechanization. After lunch at the lookout the party inspected a number of sample plots in older stands of *P. radiata*.

On the Monday, members were divided into two parties, the one inspecting Messrs Henderson and Pollard's exotic forest at Whitford while the other looked at the Auckland industries of Messrs Fletcher Merchants Ltd., Fletcher Industries Ltd., Carter Merchants Ltd., Henderson and Pollard Ltd., and New Zealand Forest Products Ltd.

NEXT MEETING

The 1965 Annual General Meeting will be held in Nelson, with a symposium on recreational use of forests.