

# NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS (Inc.)

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1967

The fortieth Annual Meeting was held in the Sportsdrome Hall, Rotorua, on Tuesday, 16 May 1967. There was an attendance of one Honorary Member, 54 Members, 56 Associates, 4 Affiliate and 13 Student Members, together with 30 visitors and 12 wives. Apologies were received from 22 members.

The President introduced the Hon. Duncan McIntyre, Minister of Forests, who addressed and formally opened the Conference; after which the Mayor of Rotorua (Mr A. M. Linton) welcomed members to Rotorua.

## ANNUAL REPORT

The President reported that for the first time in many years, and despite 14 new admissions, membership of the Institute had diminished by seven during the year. This had been mainly due to a purging of the roll, in which eleven members (principally long-term "student" members) had been struck off for non-payment of dues. There had also been seven resignations and three deaths.

The loss of these last three members was recorded with regret: namely, C. E. Legat, an Honorary Member since 1936 who had died in the United Kingdom at the age of 91; F. J. Perham, an Associate since 1930 and full Member since 1961; and F. R. E. Craig, an Associate Member since 1950.

Council had met five times during the year, six members of Council attending all meetings, four having missed one, and one missing three meetings. Business had become even heavier, through implementing the registration of Forest Consultants, as instructed by the 1966 A.G.M. All applicants had been asked to appear before Council in support of their claims and to give evidence of qualifications in their fields of special competence. Four applicants had been approved by Council, to date.

The appointment of P. J. McKelvey as first Principal of the new N.Z. School of Forestry had been followed by a pledge of support from Council, a subcommittee of which had met him in Rotorua to discuss curricula.

Council had also taken an interest in the Technician Certification Authority's syllabus for Ranger training, particularly in its comparison with that for training of Forest Technicians. The latter is still under consideration.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

C. H. Brown announced that the overdraft in the previous financial year had been converted into a credit of \$772 at the end of the current year. As he expected a similar credit next year he did not recommend that members' subscriptions should be raised further. However, it had been determined by Council that the price of back numbers of the *Journal* would be increased, as from 1 April 1968, and that a premium of 25 cents per issue would be added to all overseas sales (to cover postage and correspondence). No discounts would be allowed to agents in New Zealand or overseas in future. There was no discussion of the report.

#### JOURNAL REPORT

The Editor reported that for the third successive year the Institute had successfully produced two numbers of the *Journal* and that these had been produced on schedule, and at a per page cost rather less than for the previous year. It was essential that authors send their papers forward in ample time to meet the deadlines of 1 January and 1 July, respectively, for each number.

Several queries had been received during the past year about the absence of an index for each volume of the journal. A combined index for volumes 9, 10 and 11 had now been produced and sent to all journal recipients. It was the intention to continue this pattern—*i.e.*, to produce an index for each set of issues sufficient to be bound together as a book of convenient size. At present this would be six successive numbers, totalling about 700 pages.

#### NEWSLETTER REPORT

The Newsletter report was read by the Secretary on behalf of A. R. Thorpe. Council had decided to continue with three issues a year, with fixed times for the closing of copy. Local section secretaries and correspondents were urged to send their contributions through more promptly.

#### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

G. C. Weston stated that there had been a slightly increased tempo of borrowing by local members, and on library interloan. It had been proposed that the library should be presented to the new School of Forestry, and he accordingly intended to have it valued for disposal.

Considerable discussion ensued, but when a vote was sought on whether the library should be disposed of piecemeal, or donated

as a whole, the President intervened with a comment that this was premature. Council would investigate and report on the position to the next A.G.M.

#### LOCAL SECTION REPORTS

The main features of local section activities were reported as follows:

*Rotorua*: Five evening meetings with an attendance ranging from 17 to 42. Section officers (G. C. Weston, C. J. Leggat), together with T. N. Wardrop, P. F. Olsen and A. E. Beveridge had acted as local organizing committee for the Institute A.G.M.

*Hawke's Bay*: Three evening meetings and two field days — that to the Makahu Saddle attracting 65 participants. Contributing members numbered 34, of whom 19 were members of the parent Institute.

*Wellington*: Six lunch-time meetings. Financial membership 20.

*Nelson*: Four meetings, including a discussion session on research needs.

*Auckland*: Activities were being limited to 2 meetings per annum. Membership 30.

*Canterbury*: Three evening meetings and one joint field-day with Westland. Membership 52.

*Westland*: One meeting (well attended, as usual, by the sawmilling fraternity) and a field-trip to Canterbury.

*Southland*: Two meetings. Still encountering difficulties with a widely scattered membership.

The President referred to correspondence with A. C. Cunningham on the powers of Local Sections, particularly regarding nominations and recommendations to local bodies. He explained that anything done in the name of the Institute must have the prior approval of Council.

#### ELECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP

The proposal that Dr S. D. Richardson should be elected to Honorary Membership of the Institute was carried unanimously.

The President presented certificates of full Membership to C. Bassett, B. Keating and G. Leggat and of Associate Membership to G. Hampton, W. Sutton and I. Trotman.

#### FOREST EDUCATION

The President congratulated Professor McKelvey on his appointment, and this was supported by acclamation. Professor McKelvey expressed appreciation for the Institute's goodwill and support, and stated that a free interplay of ideas and points of view was essential in determining the new Forestry School's curriculum. Dr Cameron expressed disappointment at the lack of time for

discussion and debate at the last A.G.M., and he proposed a motion that the Institute endorse Council's support of Professor McKelvey in his efforts to secure buildings, equipment and staff adequate to teach the forest sciences in New Zealand. This was seconded by Mr Hutchinson and carried.

Mr Kenderdine was then called upon to outline current schemes for Ranger and Technician training. Proposals were being drawn up with the assistance of the Technician Certification Authority, and forestry subject were being introduced as part of the curriculum for the N.Z. Certificate of Science. Over the last few years Forest Service courses had accepted nominees from outside the service, and this would continue with the T.C.A. courses. The President then drew attention to the current promotion of a Rotorua Technical Institute by a local steering committee.

#### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

A. W. Grayburn delivered his address dealing with the problem of the Institute as a professional society, and with the implications of recognizing suitably qualified forest consultants.

#### PAPERS PRESENTED

Topic for the Institute's Symposium was "Forest Engineering to the Mill Door", and papers were presented as follows:

- A. Cunningham: "The Role of Engineering in New Zealand Protection Forest Management"
- E. D. Revington: "The Scope of Civil Engineering in a Catchment Plan"
- M. C. Goudie: "A.P.M. Forests Ltd's current nursery and plantation practice for *P. radiata* in Gippsland"
- P. C. Crequer: "Planning Logging Operations"
- C. G. R. Chavasse: "Forest Roads: Standards, Density, Timing and Costs"

There were also two panel discussions:

- "Land Clearing Methods": E. H. Bunn (Chairman), with G. M. O'Neill, J. McLean, H. A. Mills, G. J. Molloy and D. S. Preest.
- "Engineering Aspects that Limit the Economics of Thinning": C. H. Brown (Chairman), with O. A. Boyd, M. C. Goudie, J. J. K. Spiers and R. Wren.

A summary of the Symposium was given by J. J. K. Spiers.

#### NEXT MEETING

The 1968 Annual General Meeting will be held in Palmerston North, with a symposium on "Forestry as a Business".