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Annual General Meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting held in Wellington on the 13th May, 1944, discussion centred largely on the question of membership. This matter is commented on editorially in this issue. A revision of the Constitution discussed at the last annual meeting and given further consideration by the Standing Committee during the year was considered and several amendments passed dealing mainly with the rights of Associate Members and admission to full membership. The revised Constitution is published in this Journal.

Discussion and correspondence also dealt with the proposal to issue a periodic news letter. Several members thought it would prove valuable in keeping members in touch with current affairs and maintaining their interest in the Institute. However, the consensus of opinion was that the time was not ripe for such a step which could provide little more than the Journal, particularly if the latter could be published at shorter intervals. Critics of the Journal referred to its failure as a channel for the expression of opinion.

It was generally felt that the post-war period would prove a testing time and that the Institute should endeavour to put its house in order and formulate a clearly defined policy on the major issues facing forestry in New Zealand.

Wellington Section.

A meeting was held on the 16th August, 1944, with a good attendance of local members and Conservators visiting Wellington. A general discussion took place regarding the attitude of the Institute to Forest Service and other trainees. The general feeling of the meeting was that they should be encouraged to join the institute, whose responsibility also lay in assisting them with their studies. Amendments to the Constitution might be necessary to admit such trainees as Student members, and also an extension of the age limit of 28 years to permit demobilised servicemen to remain Student Members until they had a reasonable chance of qualifying as Associate Members. The Section is to make a recommendation along these lines to the main body at the next meeting.

The passing of an elementary examination could be made a pre-requisite to Student Membership. As a further development of this idea it was suggested that higher qualifying examinations for full membership might be instituted entailing three years responsible work as a necessary pre-requisite to the obtaining of a diploma. A motion was carried that recommendations be made to the parent body to consider the institution of such qualifying tests.

In conclusion Mr. Biggs gave an amusing and instructive account of Forestry Company activities overseas.

tutorua Section.

The inaugural meeting of the Section was held on the 7th July, 1944, when 3 members resident in the Rotorua district and two visiting members were present. Mr. H. A. Goudie was elected chairman and Mr. J. F. Lysaght secretary. The Section aims to meet monthly from May to October inclusive with one summer meeting in February; and to alternate meetings with field demonstrations and
study and discussion groups. Mr. C. M. Smith spoke on "Future Forests of New Zealand," and Mr. F. W. Foster on the "Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act."

At a meeting held on the 11th August, the Chairman, Mr. Goudie, gave an address on the "History of Forestry in Rotorua."

In September a field day was held at the Waipo State Mill. A full day was spent in inspection of the mill, box factory, logging operations, and natural regeneration of clear felled areas.

At the October meeting Mr. Owen Jones gave a paper on "Some Re-establishment Problems"; this appears on page 9.

**Nelson Section.**

We are glad to record the formation of a Nelson Section on the 29th November, 1944. At a meeting of members Dr. D. Miller was elected chairman and Mr. S. E. Masters secretary. Dr. Miller gave an address on "Entomology in Relation to Forestry," illustrated by lantern slides.

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**MEMBERS ON OR RETURNED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE AND CIVILIAN WAR ASSIGNMENTS.**

Major C. Biggs, until recently in command 11th Forestry Coy. in the United Kingdom, has recently returned to the position of Conservator of Forests, Hokitika.

Lt. T. T. C. Birch was with the 4th Battalion, Wellington Regt., during 1942 and 1943.

Sgt. C. O. Bridgeman has recently returned to New Zealand after service with an Infantry unit of the 3rd Division in the Pacific zone.

A/C2. D. N. Colquhoun is with the R.N.Z.A.F. at Hamilton.

Lt. S. A. C. Darby was with the N.M.R. during 1942.

Sgt. G. Duff was taken prisoner in Greece, but has now been repatriated and is with the State Forest Service again.

Capt. D. D. Dun was with the N.M.R. from 1941 to 1943.

Capt. N. Hall was in Wellington in July, 1944, on his return from service with the 1st Forestry Coy., R.A.E., A.I.F., in the United Kingdom. It is understood he is to take up forestry duties in New Guinea.

Capt. Owen Jones has returned to N.Z. after service with the 14th Forestry Coy. and is practicing as consulting forester in Rotorua.

A/C2 A. M. Moore was with the R.N.Z.A.F. at Whenuapai in 1942 and 1943.

Spr. G. B. Rawlings is with the 14th Forestry Coy. in Italy; he is to study forest entomology in America before returning to New Zealand.

Lt. P. A. Reveirs is back with the Forest Service after service with an artillery unit in the Pacific.

Lt. A. N. Sexton writes from the 14th Forestry Coy. in Italy of working in the finest area of *Pinus laricio* in the world, and pays tribute to the Italians as millers and engineers. He has been granted a tour of duty to study forest fire prevention in America prior to returning to New Zealand.

Lt.-Col. C. M. Smith was with the N.M.R. from 1941 to 1943, being O.C., 4th Battn., Wellington Regt., and later O.C., B Zone, Fortress Command.

Lt. J. W. Syme did a tour of duty with B Squadron, 3rd L.A.F.V. Regt., in N.Z., and is now back at the Forest Service mill at Rotorua.

Capt. A. P. Thomson is with the 14th Forestry Coy. in Italy. He has been granted a tour of duty to study the organization and methods of the National Forest Inventory in the U.S.A. prior to returning to New Zealand.