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OFFICERS 1944-46.

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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 would 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.

Totorua 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