NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS
(INC.)

OFFICERS 1962-64

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Librarian: G. C. Weston

ANNUAL MEETING 1962

The thirty-fifth annual general meeting was held in Christchurch on Saturday 28 April 1962. It was called to order by the retiring President, Mr Henry, and later in the morning welcomed to Christchurch by his Worship the Mayor, Mr G. Manning.

ATTENDANCE

There were present two honorary members, 38 members, 39 associate members, two affiliate members, ten student members and 4 guests. Apologies were received from 42 members.

President’s Report

Total membership had increased from 285 to 351 during the year – the greatest advance in the history of the Institute. Honorary members had increased by two, members by seven, associates by 21, affiliates by 11 and student members by 25. Five of the new full members were officers of considerable seniority in forest administration and length of associate membership in the Institute and they had been advanced under Clause 6c of the Constitution. The Council of the Institute intended that advancement under this clause was to be used sparingly and regarded as a privilege.

Referring to the Institute’s loss of one of its inaugural members, C. M. Smith, the President stated that he had served for two terms as Councillor, from 1928–1932 and again 1937–38, as Vice-President from 1933–34, and as President 1935–36 and 1939–40.

The Council had only held one meeting during the year; most of the business of the Institute having been done by correspondence. It was intended that in future at least 4 Council meetings be held each year.
Council had also decided that from 1963 onward the Journal would be produced as two issues per annum. Production of a quarterly newsletter was also being considered.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Mr Slow reported that with the increased membership and also due to the inclusion of late receipts from the 1960 Journal there was a credit balance of almost £600 for the year. This had increased the carry-forward to £2327. His motion that the membership dues be retained at their present level was carried – i.e. £3 for members, £2 for associates, £1 10s for affiliates, and 10s for student members.

**Librarian’s Report**

Mr Weston reported continuing accessions to the library, and difficulty in housing it.

**Editor’s Report**

Mr Jackson stated that 800 copies of the 1961 Journal had been printed, and of this number 682 were absorbed by subscribers, complimentary exchange and immediate sales and commitments. The net cost, including all reprints and authors’ free entitlements, amounted to 4s 10d per copy. It was estimated that costs would be up by about 5 percent for the 1962 issue.

Mr Thomson presented a report as convener of the sub-committee appointed to consider implications of publishing two issues of the Journal each year. It had been concluded that the Institute could afford the double production, but that it would not be practicable unless paid assistance was appointed and until sufficient technical copy was available for 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) issues of 100 pages each.

**Local Section Reports**

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

- **Rotorua Section**: Seven evening meetings and one field-trip had been held. The Kaingaroa members had erected the McRae Memorial.
- **Hawke’s Bay Section**: There had been six evening meetings, with an average attendance of 35.
- **Wellington Section**: Six evening meetings had been held.
- **Nelson Section**: The five evening meetings included a symposium on protection forestry. Average attendance was 41. A field trip was conducted around the Baigent plantations.

**Election of Officers for 1962–64**

The four principal officers of the Institute having been nominated unopposed, the names of the four successful candidates for the Council were declared on a ballot count and applauded by the meeting.
SCHLICH MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

After considerable discussion about the objectives of such a fund, the meeting passed a motion that the Trustees be asked to transfer administration of the New Zealand fund from the Forest Service to the Institute, which will deposit it in a Trust Fund. A further motion instructed that the incoming Council should consider the administration of this fund and report thereon to the next annual general meeting.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

After delivery of the Presidential address, which is printed herein, Mr Henry closed the meeting with a vote of appreciation to the local organizers from the Selwyn Plantation Board and from Forest Service, with particular thanks to Messrs Grayburn and Bamford.

PAPERS PRESENTED

"The Economics of Silvicultural Treatment of Forests" was the subject of the ensuing symposium. Principal speakers and their papers, in order of presentation, were:

I. D. Whiteside, on behalf of the author C. H. Brown. The Silviculture of Radiata Pine to obtain a High Financial Yield from Final Crop Trees.


C. Bassett, for co-authors G. M. Will and G. W. Hedderwick, Can the Efficiency of our Nursery Practice be Improved?

C. G. R. Chavasse. Investment in Forestry in Westland.

In the discussions which followed each paper, members subjected the speakers to no less than 85 questions and comments.

FIELD TRIPS

Half-day field-trips were held to the Christchurch City Council plantations at Bottle Lake and also to the Selwyn Plantation Board stands. Monday 30 April was spent at Eyrewell and Ashley State Forests, and the following day a post-conference field-trip was made by more than 40 members and visitors to Craigieburn State Forest.

NEXT MEETING

It is proposed to hold the 1963 Annual General Meeting in Masterton as a symposium on the topic "Extension Forestry".