After the Hon. Minister of Forests' announcement in September 1964, that a school of forestry would be re-established by the University of Canterbury, Council decided to interest itself in this subject. Council wrote to the Minister and, shortly after, the Director-General of Forests asked the Institute for its views, particularly on sub-professional training.

In November 1964, Council appointed a subcommittee of Messrs Grayburn (Convenor), Holloway and Jackson and wrote offering assistance to the University of Canterbury. At the Nelson A.G.M., the subject was discussed and it was obvious that there was a diversity of opinion and a certain amount of misgiving about the standard that would be attained at Canterbury and about the real need to start a school again in New Zealand just now.

It was decided that the subcommittee meet Dr L. L. Pownall, Vice-Chancellor at Canterbury, to discuss the whole subject. At the same time, Mr Kennedy was added to the subcommittee. Dr Pownall advised that there would be a total professional staff of four, that a Professor of Forestry would be appointed by August 1966, that the course would be closely integrated with other departments at Ilam and Lincoln and that sub-professional training would be included. The appointee would spend two years on familiarization and refresher studies while designing the course and before appointing other staff.

At its meeting on 23 July 1965, Council asked the subcommittee to submit a report analysing the present position, outlining New Zealand's needs in higher forestry education and recommending the action Council should take. The subcommittee circulated all Members asking for their views on the size of the School, the number of staff needed, the scope and length of the course, the place of basic sciences in the course, the degree of specialization to be attained, the contribution to the course from other faculties and the need to cater for sub-professional training at the University. The response to the circular was excellent and many Sections held special meetings to discuss the subject. The subcommittee attempted to analyse these points of view into a majority opinion.

The report was completed and submitted to Council on 14 October 1965. It was in two parts, the report proper and an appendix summarizing Members' views. The subcommittee recommended that the report be sent to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Canterbury and to the University Grants Committee. Council asked that the report be re-written with a few modifications.

The Institute's President was invited to a meeting of the N.Z. Forest Service's Committee on Education in October 1965, at which views were exchanged. He said that the Institute was most concerned at the standard of the proposed school and the adequacy of the staffing. A little later the Secretary met Dr Pownall at which indications were made that the position of first professor would soon be advertised. Dr Pownall also addressed the Rotorua Section of the Institute.
The position was advertised early this year with applications closing on 15 March 1966. Details in the prospectus referred to production forestry only.

The revised report was submitted to a Council meeting on 16 February 1966. It was agreed that copies be sent to the Vice-Chancellor and the University Grants Committee by mid-March. The report has been tabled at this Conference and will be referred to later. It will be published at a later date, probably in the *Journal*.

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*Chairman of Subcommittee*

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