NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1971

The 44th Annual General Meeting was convened at Wairakei on Wednesday, 5 May, 1971. There was an attendance of 2 Honorary Members, 59 Members, 75 Associate Members, 14 Affiliate Members, 6 Student Members and 15 visitors; making a total of 171 and thus the largest attendance at any annual meeting. Apologies were received from 19 members.

The President, J. G. Groome, opened the meeting at 9.30 a.m. and welcomed as visitors Mr Nash of the British Solomon Islands, Mr Ragg of the Fijian Forest Service and Mr Yule of the Queensland Forest Service.

The President mentioned the death during the year of Mr Mosen, Student Member, and then called on A. D. McKinnon who paid a tribute to the late G. H. Hocking who had been a member of the Institute since 1930 and had during that time served some eighteen years in the offices of Councillor, Editor, Vice-President and President.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Secretary reported a further increase in membership to 576, the increase being made up of 44 admissions, less 2 deaths and 9 resignations or strikings off for non-payment of subscriptions.

Council had met four times during the year, once in Gisborne, twice in Palmerston North (the most central point from a travel viewpoint) and once in Rotorua with attendances of 10, 10, 11 and 9 out of a possible of 11.

During the year the President made a formal presentation to the newly formed University of the South Pacific in Fiji of a specially bound set of the N.Z. Journal of Forestry.

Your Council was also pleased to be able to send messages of congratulations and good wishes on its inauguration to the newly formed Forestry Association of Nigeria.

The Report also mentioned obituaries, the Manapouri investigations and financial matters which are dealt with elsewhere in the Annual Meeting proceedings.
TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, C. H. Brown, in presenting his annual statement of accounts and balance sheet, showed that there had been an excess of expenditure over income for the second year in succession. This was due to substantial increases in secretarial services and Council expenses, and in special investigations such as the Manapouri enquiry. He forecast that this excess of expenditure would continue until the Institute's income was increased and recommended that subscription rates be increased to Member $8.50 (formerly $6.50), Associate Members $6.50 ($4.50), Affiliate Members $5.00 ($3.50), and Student Members $3.00 ($2.00). These increased subscriptions were approved by the meeting.

JOURNAL EDITOR'S REPORT

The Journal Editor, C. G. R. Chavasse, referred to the difficulty of getting the Journal issues out on time owing largely to delays with the printing firm but hoped that during this year he would get back on to timetable.

T. A. Foley who had been Advertising Manager for some years, had relinquished that position which had then been taken on by G. Cameron.

The Editor was extremely grateful for the assistance given by the Editorial Committee comprising David Kennedy (General topics and forest history), Max McKee (Forest industries and Trade), Ashley Cunningham (Protection forests and forest recreation) and Bruce McConchie (Management of production forests). He also thanked for their assistance the four Correspondents who were Malcolm Conway (National forest policy), Ross McArthur (Water and soil conservation), Neil Barr (Farm forestry) and Dr Graeme Whyte (Education and research).

LOCAL SECTION REPORTS

These were presented from all eight local sections of the Institute and from them it would appear that the Rotorua Section, with by far the largest membership, is still the most active and that most of the other Sections with the possible exception of Auckland have had a reasonably good year.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The long-standing problem of Student Members who are reluctant to advance was taken a step further by the passing of an amendment to the Constitution, proposed by Messrs Franklin and Morris, giving Council the power to compulsorily advance the laggards.

Seven Associate Members, J. A. Church, P. L. Baigent, J. G. Stanton, A. W. Williams, E. R. Blake, D. M. Blithe and J. P. Bonisch, had been advanced to Member by invitation of the Council under Clause 6c of the Constitution and their certificates were presented to the first four of these
A. P. Thomson was elected an Honorary Member on the motion of Messrs Lysaght and Spiers, supported by A. D. McKinnon, and he thanked the Institute for his elevation. D. Kennedy was also elected an Honorary Member on a motion of Messrs Ure and Chavasse, supported by Mr Hutchinson, and, as he was then in hospital, a tape recording of his acknowledgement was played to the meeting.

MANAPOURI INVESTIGATION

Immediately after the 1970 Annual Meeting, Council appointed a subcommittee of Messrs Franklin, Whyte and Levy to go into the questions involved in the proposal to raise the level of Lake Manapouri and make recommendations as to the actions the Institute should take in the matter. At the next Council meeting Mr Franklin reported that an inspection of the area had changed his opinions on some points and stressed the need for a further inspection by more members before taking any action. As a result the subcommittee was enlarged by the inclusion of Messrs McKelvey, Spiers, Chavasse and Molloy, further inspections were made, a submission was prepared and presented to the Parliamentary Commission of Enquiry.

FORMAL OPENING

At 2.00 p.m. the President introduced Mr Besley, Chairman of the Taupo County Council, who welcomed the delegates to the district and Duncan MacIntyre, Minister of Forests, who addressed the meeting and declared it open.

J. G. Groome then delivered his Presidential Address on “Forestry People” in which he spoke of the part played in forestry in New Zealand by individuals such as R. MacRae, A. R. Entrican, L. H. Baigent, A. P. Thomson and J. E. Henry.

CONFERENCE THEME

The topic “People in Forestry” was dealt with by three panels and two speakers.

The first panel on “Industrial Relations in Forestry” was chaired by R. Collins (N.Z. Forest Service) and comprised J. Sylvester (N.Z. Workers Union), O. Boyd (Kaingaroa Forest), J. E. Henry (N.Z. Forest Products Ltd.) and F. Conlon (Tasman Pulp & Paper Co.).

A paper on “Forest Labour — Review and Preview” was given by J. M. Mitchell.

This was followed by a panel on “Proposals to Improve the Image of Forestry as a Career” chaired by G. M. O’Neill (NZFS, Auckland) and included Prof. P. J. McKelvey (School of Forestry), M. Pocock (N.Z. Workers Union), A. D. McEwen (Forest Research Institute) and A. E. Russell (Kaingaroa Forest).

J. K. Spiers (Kaingaroa Forest) chaired a panel on “Sociological Aspects of Forestry” which comprised Mrs F. Allen...
(Kaingaroa Village), D. Chapple (University of Waikato), Dr A. North (formerly of Te Whaiti) and Mrs W. Rockell (Palmerton North).

A. P. Thomson presented an address on “People in Forestry”.

**Other Matters**

J. M. Mitchell reported on the work of the subcommittee set up to look into the status and training of technicians which is to be continued by a questionnaire.

A subcommittee of Messrs Mitchell, McKelvey, Cleland and another to be approached was set up to prepare a report on the current proposals for the utilization of beech resources.

A subcommittee of A. G. Whyte and C. D. McKenzie was set up to report to Council on progress in metrication.

It was resolved that the Institute present an annual award for the best student in the Forest Rangers Certificate examinations.

The 1972 Annual General Meeting will be held in Hokitika.
NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS (Inc.)

The Institute was formed in 1927 and incorporated in 1929, with the object of furthering the development of forestry and the interests of the forestry profession in New Zealand. There are five classes of membership. Information may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary (J. F. Lysaght), N.Z. Institute of Foresters (Inc.), P.O. Box 15096, Miramar, Wellington 3. Membership dues and other accounts are payable to the Honorary Treasurer (C. H. Brown) at the same address.

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