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FORESTRY TAXATION
NZIF COMMENT

NZIF President Mr W P. Studholme has written to the Minister of Finance on the subject of forestry taxation as follows:

Dear Mr Douglas,

My Institute has examined your Consultative Document on Primary Sector Taxation.

It is our conviction, that despite your paper's protestations to the contrary, the proposed tax treatment of forest investment will be a direct disincentive to investment in the forest-growing sector. The proposed tax regime treats forest investment initially on a capital basis, at time of logging a forest is treated as a trading item, and then at the time of re-establishment forest investment is again treated as capital. This we believe in effect is a double taxation, and as such will in time reduce the resource base of the forest industry.

W. P. Studholme
President

NEW INSTITUTE PRESIDENT

CURT GLEASON

Curt Gleason has been elected unopposed as the next President of the NZ Institute of Foresters.

Curt is currently Principal Forester with the New Zealand Forest Service in Hokitika. He graduated B.For.Sc. (Hons) from the School of Forestry, University of Canterbury in 1972 and is the first graduate of the 'new' School to rise to this position within the Institute.

Curt has had a varied career since graduating even though he has been largely based on the West Coast. After a period as station forester in Gwavas Forest he was appointed forester in the Ahaura District. Later he became a forester with the Beech Project Investigation Team at Reefton, a scientist with the Forest Research Institute in Westland, and District Forester, Reefton.

Curt has been a strong supporter of the Institute, at both local and national level. He has been on the Institute Council since 1980.

This issue of NZ Forestry features a review article on Blackwood written by Curt. (See also the front cover.)

CURRENT EDITOR

DON MEAD

Dr Don Mead has taken over from John Purey-Cust as Institute Editor. Don is currently Senior Lecturer in Silviculture at the School of Forestry. Prior to moving to the School in 1979 he was a scientist in soils and tree nutrition with Forest Research Institute.

Don did his forestry degree at Edinburgh University after doing a botany degree at Victoria University of Wellington. He took his doctorate at the University of Florida where he was associated with the cooperation research programme in forest fertilisation.

With Dr Bob Ellis from Tasmania, Don edited the paper-preprints for the joint meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Foresters Conference in Hobart last year.

Forestry is not Don's sole interest. His wife Dilyse is a beekeeper and so he spends some of his weekends being chased by bees and helping her in a bee-breeding programme. He is also involved in the Anglican Church being both a lay-reader and warden. Unfortunately he now doesn't have time to fit in yachting which was 'and is' another great interest.

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