Three awards were presented at the Annual General Meeting. The Travel Award went to Kathryn Groome who works with the Department of Conservation in Hokitika.

The Schlich Memorial Prize was awarded to Angus J. McPherson. Angus was the top student at the School of Forestry. He has been chosen for a Commonwealth Scholarship and is continuing his studies at Bangor, University of North Wales.

The Mary Sutherland Bequest went to Darryl Robson who was last year's top graduate of the Certificate of Forestry Science Course.

No awards were made for the Curt Gleason Memorial Prize.

AGM quotes

Ken Piddington on the prospect of Treasury changing heart:
"Does that department have such an organ?"

John Holloway:
"His basic fallacies are wrong."

Guy Salmon:
"Allow mass citizen participation."

Priestley Thomson:
"People before parakeets."

Ian McLean:
"Tax the gross and not the net income."
"It should be User pays if the user says."

Peter Dale:
"Tramping makes a man out of you, or if you are a woman tramping makes a man out of you."
"Toilets on the St James walkway took 300,000 motions in 1986."

Andrew Gibson:
"Is this some sort of intellectual perpetual motion?"

Lord Kelvin: (who did not attend but was paraphrased by Graham Whyte):
"If you can't express something in numbers your knowledge is of a meagre kind."

Prof. John Roberts:
"Sell West Coast crown land, except that in reserves, to private enterprise."

Science Settlers and Scholars

Sir Charles Flemmig's long-awaited history of the Royal Society of New Zealand "Science Settlers and Scholars" has now been published. It is available from the Royal Society at a cost (to non-fellows) of $5.

Conference highlights

The 60th Anniversary AGM and Conference of the Institute was held at Greymouth from May 11 to 15. The conference theme was "Does multiple-use forestry have a future?" Conference highlights included the Curt Gleason memorial tree planting at Reefton, an evening at Shantytown, and the 60th anniversary dinner. Roving photographer Ian Platt captured the action.