Facilities for Laboratory and other Field Work

The School of Forestry is a department of Canterbury College and enjoys the full use of all facilities provided there for lectures and laboratory work. The School possesses a library, forestry museum, laboratory, lecture and draughting room, while the well-equipped lecture room and laboratories in the Department of Biology are used for instruction in certain subjects. Surveying and drawing, etc., are dealt with by the School of Engineering, while such subjects as economics, accountancy, physics, chemistry and geology are dealt with in their respective College Departments.

A very large proportion of the forestry course consists of field work, and the School possesses unique facilities for carrying this out. Nearby are the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, Hagley Park, Riccarton Bush and the Bottle Lake Plantation, while within short motoring distances are the plantations of the Selwyn Plantation Board, Greendale Estate (belonging to Canterbury College), and numerous private estates—available for various branches of field work.

The School itself possesses a small experimental and demonstration forest nursery at Opawa, ten minutes' ride from the College, and a two hundred acre experimental forest at Burnham, twenty miles distant. This area was planted in 1926, and is intended to provide a silvicultural laboratory. Through the courtesy of the Selwyn Plantation Board, a block has been set aside in one of their younger plantations, to be used by the School as a thinning practice and experimentation area.

The School possesses a car for the transport of field parties. This car when not in use by regular classes for field instructional trips may be used by senior students for research and investigational projects.

An annual field camp of three weeks is held during the spring vacation, when a varied programme of practical work is performed in connection with dendrology, silviculture, entomology, mensuration, utilisation, logging engineering, management, surveying, etc. The Camp is held alternately in Canterbury and Westland, thus gaining the full benefit of the wide range of forest types and technique presented.

During the autumn vacation of three weeks and the summer vacation of over three months, students usually gain field experience by obtaining employment with the State Forest Service or various private and municipal forestry organisations.

RESEARCH: The staff and senior students of the School are actively engaged upon various lines of research into the native and exotic forests, and many contributions have already been made to the literature of New Zealand forestry.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Full details as to prescriptions of courses, fees, etc., are provided in the illustrated prospectus of the School, obtainable on application to the Registrar, Canterbury College, Christchurch, who will furnish any further information required.

Appointment of Lecturer in Entomology

Canterbury College has recently appointed to its staff a lecturer in entomology, Mr. Lewis Morrison, B.Sc. Mr. Morrison has been holding the position of lecturer in agricultural and forest zoology at Armstrong Agricultural College, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and will take up his new duties at Canterbury College at the commencement of the 1931 session. Mr. Morrison is a graduate in agriculture of Aberdeen University, and for some time held the position of assistant to the late Dr. Rennie, of Aberdeen, his work embracing agriculture and parasitology.

This appointment marks a new phase in the biological work already carried out at Canterbury College, which will now be enabled to train students who wish to take up research work in entomology.

Besides giving courses in pure entomology at Canterbury College, Mr. Morrison will act as lecturer in agricultural entomology at Lincoln Agricultural College, and in forest entomology at the Canterbury School of Forestry.