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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1969

The forty-second Annual Meeting was convened in Dunedin on Wednesday, 6 May 1969. Apologies were received on behalf of 30 members. The meeting was welcomed to Dunedin by the Mayor (Mr Barnes). The President then welcomed the Hon. Duncan McIntyre, Minister of Forests, who delivered the opening address. This was followed by the Presidential Address, entitled "Forestry — a Legitimate Form of Land Use" (printed herein).

Mr Conway welcomed visitors, who included Mr Benson of the N.S.W. Forestry Commission (and representing the Institute of Foresters of Australia); Mr McGregor, Lecturer in Forest Economics at Oxford University; and Dr Mutch, Lecturer at Edinburgh School of Forestry.

Tribute was paid to the memory of M. F. Armitage, J. I. Cook and A. G. Stanger, who had died during the year.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Secretary reported that membership of the Institute had increased to 526 during the year, the 21 admissions (12 Associates, 5 Affiliates and 4 Students) having been partially balanced by three deaths and 13 resignations or struck-off for failure to pay their dues.

Despite overseas tours of duty by several Councillors, Council had met five times during the year.

The matter of membership fees of retired members had been raised at several earlier A.G.M.s but had been shelved because of difficulties over defining "retirement". However, Council had considered the problem again during the year, and now recommended to the meeting that "the dues of members of any class except Honorary Members be automatically reduced to \$1.00 per year after 40 years' membership".

The Secretary also reported that, following instruction by the 1968 A.G.M., Council had set up a subcommittee to re-draft the Constitution. Council had, however, not been able to complete its examination of the revised draft.

The now approved policy of fostering closer ties with the Institute of Foresters of Australia had resulted in Messrs Travers and Chavasse representing us at the I.F.A. Conference in Perth, in the I.F.A. President (A. C. Harris) and a Councillor (Mr Begg) attending a Council meeting in Wellington at which these ideas were discussed, and in the present attendance of Mr Begg of N.S.W.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer stated that his budget for the ensuing year indicated a likely surplus of \$800. He therefore recommended that subscriptions be maintained at the same rate as in the previous year, with the exception of those members of 40 years' standing or more, for whom they should be reduced to a nominal \$1 per annum. After some discussion this was approved. It was also mentioned that the books had, for the first time, been audited by an accounting firm. The Treasurer thanked Messrs Lysaght and Weston for considerable assistance during the year.

JOURNAL REPORT

The Editor commented that the increase of \$450 in *Journal* production costs for 1968 was in part due to the increased price of imported paper on which the *Journal* is printed, in part due to increased block-making charges, but principally due to the fact that volume 13 had about 20% more pages than the previous volume. With the large number of papers presented at the current A.G.M. it was to be expected that the *Journal* size would expand again in 1969, and cost proportionately more.

Particular appreciation was expressed to members of the Editorial Committee, Messrs Cunningham, Groome, Hocking and Naylor, for their counsel and support over the last eight years.

LOCAL SECTION REPORTS

The main features of local section activities during the year were reported as follows:

Auckland: Two meetings — one a panel discussion on the control of organisms injurious to forests, and the other a tour of local industries utilizing forest produce.

Rotorua: Three panel discussions, and eight other meetings, with guest speakers. Attendance ranged between 30 and 80 out of a membership of 154. There had been a most successful field-trip on Lake Taupo to see and discuss the problems of the Lake Taupo Basin.

Hawke's Bay: Four meetings had included a symposium on establishment problems, and a joint panel discussion with the Farm Forestry Association. There were 32 subscribing members, of whom 22 were N.Z.I.F.

Wellington: Meetings, of which there were only two, had been heavily affected by commitments to the Forestry Development Conference. Membership 57.

Nelson: There had been five functions: a panel discussion with speakers from FRI, Cawthron Institute and Lincoln College; a field-day to Golden Downs to discuss windthrow (attendance 80); a field-day to Baigent's forests, and two guest speakers. 26 members.

Westland: Three evening meetings, and a joint field-day with Canterbury Section. Membership 23, of whom 17 N.Z.I.F.

Canterbury: Four evening meetings and a joint field-day with Westland Section on recreation and site preparation, at Hanmer, Balmoral and Eyrewell. 50 members.

Southland/Otago: One panel discussion, on Southland as an exporter of forest products, and one evening meeting.

FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Constitution of the Council proposed under Recommendation 59 of the Forestry Development Conference report was discussed, members being particularly concerned lest it be composed largely of people without forestry orientation. It was felt that the Institute should, at an early date, seek representation on this Council, and a motion was put, and carried, that the Institute should submit to the Minister a list of names of those in whom it would have full confidence as members of the Forestry Development Council. It was left to Council to take timely action on the matter.

F.S. COMMERCIAL DIVISION

Reporting the nomination by the Minister of Forests of a committee of three to report on the future role of the Forest Service's Commercial Division, the President stated that Council had discussed the matter and considered it should be placed before the A.G.M. for discussion. After comment by Messrs McKinnon, Bunn, Conway, McKee, Chavasse, Spiers and Prior, it was resolved that Council's subcommittee should circulate members, soliciting opinions, and should produce a report in time to meet the deadline for submissions.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Topic for the Institute's symposium was "Field forestry — with the emphasis on establishment". The first series of four papers was tabled and spoken to under the chairmanship of Mr Chavasse.

- I. G. Trotman: "Species siting".
- J. D. McKinnon: "Some establishment aspects of exotic forestry in Northland".
- I. A. Black: "Planting stock requirements and production at Kaingaroa Nursery".
- C. G. R. Chavasse: "Site preparation in New Zealand".

Following discussion of these papers, Mr Mitchell chaired the presentation of papers by:

- G. B. Wilkinson: "Some establishment problems in Southland and Otago".
- R. W. Cornwell: "Forest establishment on gorse-covered Moutere hill land".
- I. P. Armitage: "Establishment of second-rotation radiata pine in Riverhead Forest".
- I. A. Page: "The establishment of *P. radiata* at Kaingaroa Forest".
- A. Bowers: "A survey method for determining the stocking of newly-established stands".
- J. Church and N. Hall: "Quality control in forest operations".

Mr Molloy took the chair for three further papers on Friday morning:

- P. W. Herrick: "Establishment on indigenous cutover at Minginui".
- F. G. Day: "Conversion to exotic species of indigenous forest in Westland".
- J. M. Valentine: "Some observations on the management of silver beech".

The last two papers were presided over by Mr Conway:

- J. R. Tustin: "Thinning radiata pine to waste in State forestry".
- R. M. Priest: "Some aspects of soil conservation planning within the Waikato watershed".

Mr Kirkland then summed up the proceedings of the symposium.

NEXT MEETING

It was recommended to Council that the 1970 A.G.M. should be held in Gisborne and that the topic should be "The Justification for Special Case Forestry".