

**Forest Sanctuaries Committee:**

This committee comprising Messrs. Thomson, Holloway, Smith, and Poole presented a report through Mr. A. P. Thomson in which it was pointed out that very few forest areas were in a strictly primitive condition and that, except in the case of a few outlying islands, to maintain them in that condition would prove inordinately costly. In discussing the report it was recommended that a list be made of suitable forest areas and that recommendations be made for the reservation of areas not now adequately protected. The importance of written description of such areas was stressed.

**Soil Conservation Committee:**

Mr. Holloway forwarded a report on behalf of this committee which comprised Messrs. Holloway, Thomson, and Macarthur. This report, which was adopted, included a recommendation that the Institute press for the employment of a competent, impartial, overseas authority to review the position in New Zealand. It was also recommended that the Institute maintain a standing committee on forestry in relation to soil and water conservation.

**Schlich Prize:**

The Secretary was instructed to again take up with the N.Z. Forest Service the Institute's willingness to administer the above prize.

**Members Presenting Papers:**

It was decided that all members presenting papers at Institute meetings, or at conferences or congresses at which the Institute is a participating body, be required to supply the Institute Librarian with a copy of the paper for permanent record.

**Honorary Members:**

On the recommendation of the Council, Mr. James Dean, of Homebush, and Mr. N. H. Taylor, Director of the Soil Bureau, D.S.I.R., were unanimously elected Honorary Members.

**Affiliated Members:**

A Note of motion to amend the Constitution to include "Affiliated Members" was deferred for twelve months for further consideration.

**Macrae Memorial:**

It was decided to erect a plaque at Kaingaroa to the memory of the above Honorary Member.

**Annual Meetings:**

It was decided that the 1956 annual general meeting be held at Hanmer and the subject be "High Country Forestry". It was suggested that the 1957 meeting be held at Tokoroa and that the subject be "Integrated Utilization of Exotic Timber Species."

**Papers:**

Papers on Southern Pines were presented by N. H. Taylor, J. W. Levy, D. S. Jackson, E. Y. Cutten, R. E. Irvine, H. R. Orman, and J. M. Harris.

**Visits to Forests:**

Visits of inspection were paid to Waitangi and Puhipuhi Forests, to a eucalypt area at Ruatangata, and to the Whangarei parks and reserves.

**ROTORUA SECTION**

The Rotorua Section of the Institute now has 68 members, and 1954-55 was a most successful year, with well-attended meetings, and a field day.

At the Annual Meeting held on 11th June, Mr. J. E. Henry was elected Chairman, Mr. J. M. Harris Secretary, and Messrs. F. Allsop, D. D. Dun, J. Harrison-Smith, F. E. Hutchinson, and G. B. Rawlings were elected to the Programme Committee.

Addresses given during the year were:

"Some Impressions of an Australian Tour" by Mr. D. D. Dun.

"The Southern Pines" by Mr. D. S. Jackson.

"Some Thoughts on the Vegetation of Taupo Country" by Mr. J. E. Henry.

"Some Aspects of Tawa Management in Central North Island Forest" by Mr. P. J. McKelvey.

"Recent Advances in North American Logging Equipment" by Mr. M. H. D. McKee.

On 22nd October the members were entertained by Mr. J. R. Faulkner, Forester in Charge of the plantations of Pinelands (N.Z.) Ltd., on Matakana Island. Thirty-eight members and seven visitors greatly enjoyed the launch trip to the island from Tauranga in perfect weather, and on arrival at the island, Messrs. Bunn Bros' sawmill was inspected. Many interesting features attracted attention, from the modern band-saw to the grading of the final product. In the afternoon the party split up to inspect the plantation, logging methods in use, and regeneration of *Pinus radiata* obtained after clear-felling. The launch returned to Tauranga at 4.20 p.m. and Mr. Faulkner was warmly thanked by all members for his hospitality during a most enjoyable day.

Year by year the Section meetings have proved their value for the various forestry interests in the district to meet and exchange ideas. Emphasis during the past year has also been placed on the desirability for visitors from other fields to attend meetings of interest to them. As a result several visitors have attended meetings during the year, and have contributed their viewpoints to the discussions which followed.

### INAUGURAL MEMBERS

The words "Inaugural Member" are occasionally used with reference to some of our older members. It is probable that many younger members do not know who they were.

Inaugural Members were appointed as charter members of the Institute at the original meeting held in Wellington on the 28th and 29th April 1927, convened by Mr. F. W. Foster.

The Inaugural Members were:

R. D. Campbell then Conservator of Forests at Auckland. He resigned from the Forest Service in 1947 and the Institute in 1954, and still lives at Remuera, Auckland.

H. H. Corbin then in charge of the Auckland University College School of Forestry, and later consultant to a number of afforestation companies. He resigned from the Institute in 1931 and lived in Auckland until his death in 1951.

S. A. C. Darby then Conservator of Forests at Invercargill. He later became Conservator at Palmerston North from which position he retired in 1954. He lives in Palmerston North and is still a member of the Institute.

L. M. Ellis then Director of Forestry. He was the first Chairman and President of the Institute, resigning this office on his leaving for Australia in 1928. He died in Sydney in 1941.

F. W. Foster then Forest Assistant, Auckland, later Conservator at Nelson and Hokitika, and Silvicultural Officer at the head office of N.Z.F.S. He has been successively Secretary, Vice-president, President, and Councillor of the Institute, and was elected an Honorary Member on his retirement in 1951. He lives at Lower Hutt.